

Town of Franklin Vermont

and the

Franklin School District

2014 Annual Report

Town and School
Fiscal Year End
June 30th, 2014

AUDITORS'

ANNUAL REPORT

for the

TOWN OF FRANKLIN
VERMONT

For the Fiscal Year Ending
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***** ABSTRACT OF MARCH 4, 2014 TOWN MEETING *****

Town Clerk, Lisa A. Larivee, declared the polls open for the Australian Ballots of the MVU High School #7 budget and school directors. Moderator Timothy Magnant called the Franklin School District meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was said. The Moderator asked permission for Pastor Jason McConnell to speak; Pastor McConnell spoke to the group about his time in Franklin and a thank you to residents for being united and civil. The Moderator reviewed the Roberts Rules of order with those present.

- ARTICLE 1** Elected Timothy Magnant as moderator for the ensuing year.
- ARTICLE 2** Accepted the reports of the school directors.
- ARTICLE 3** Appropriated \$1,683,860 for the FY2015 Franklin School District budget.
- ARTICLE 4** Approved \$30,000 to upgrade lighting in the school building and parking lot less any applicable grants and/or rebates from Efficiency VT; as well as replace broken fixtures to enhance energy efficiency & savings.
- ARTICLE 5** Elected Timothy Magnant as Franklin School Director for a three-year term.
- ARTICLE 6** Authorized school directors to borrow money in anticipation of taxes.
- ARTICLE 7** Franklin Northwest Supervisory Union (FNWSU) reports, staffing and resources were reviewed & discussed. The Franklin Hot lunch program & School were thanked by numerous community members for the great job that is being done. Governor Shumlin's education plans were discussed.

TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING CLOSED AND ENTERED REGULAR TOWN MEETING

- ARTICLE 8** Elected Timothy Magnant as moderator for the ensuing year.
- ARTICLE 9** Elected Lisa A Larivee as Town Treasurer for a three-year term.
- ARTICLE 10** Accepted the reports of the town officers.
- ARTICLE 11** Approved \$5,500 for Franklin County Sheriff coverage.
- ARTICLE 12** Approved \$10,000 for the repairs on Town Hall electrical upgrade, entry roof and entryway as a 50% grant match.
- ARTICLE 13** Approved \$30,000 toward the completion of the Dewing Road outlet project
- ARTICLE 14** Appropriated \$915,780.05 for the Municipal Budget.
- ARTICLE 15** Elected the following town officers:
 - A. Brooks Sturtevant selectperson for a three-year term.
 - B. Edmund Rainville selectperson for a two-year term.
 - C. Jean Richard lister for a three-year term.
 - D. Michelle Guilmette auditor for three-year term.
 - E. Susan Clark trustee of public money for one year.
 - F. Kimberly Gates Maynard trustee of Haston Library Fund for one year
 - G. Haston Library Trustees; Byrant Reynolds & Art Leduc for three-year terms; Susan Clark for an unexpired one year term.
 - H. Johanna Crane-Godin delinquent tax collector for one year.
 - I. Burt Maynard constable for one year.
 - J. George Godin town agent for one year.
 - K. Aaron Porter and Doug Clark for grand jurors for one year.
 - L. Elizabeth Rainville Franklin Homestead Board of Director for a three-year term.

ARTICLE 16

Authorized the Selectboard to borrow money in anticipation of taxes.

ARTICLE 17

Elected Howard Vansette, Nancy Wilson and Jennifer Dewing as cemetery commissioners for one year.

ARTICLE 18

Authorized the payment of taxes to be paid to the treasurer by October 15, 2014 before 3:30 p.m.

ARTICLE 19

Voted to publish names of delinquent property taxpayers as of December 31, 2014.

ARTICLE 20

No business.

ARTICLE 21

Kim Gates Maynard informed everyone that the Town of Highgate was voting on a bond vote for the Highgate Arena renovations. Kyle Lothian thanked Lisa & Sara for all their hard work and dedication to the Town. Marilyn Hackett spoke about tax assessments and Lisa advised that they are still being done. Peter Magnant thanked Kyle Lothian and Wayne Laroche for their time on the Selectboard. Aaron Porter and George Godin talked about the current problems in town with class 4 roads and what can be done. Wayne Laroche thanked the Selectboard and the Town and emphasized that road issues need to be addressed legally. Hugh Gates encouraged the Selectboard to hold a special town meeting in May to discuss: camp roads, water district merger, recreation committee formation and the donated Franklin Rescue funds.

WARNING FOR ANNUAL SCHOOL DISTRICT AND TOWN MEETING

The legal voters of the Franklin School District and Town of Franklin are hereby warned and notified to meet in the Franklin Central School on Tuesday, March 3, 2015 at ten o'clock in the forenoon to transact the following business:

TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING

1. To elect a moderator for the ensuing year.
2. To act upon the reports of the school directors.
3. Will the voters of the Franklin Town School District appropriate \$1,716,922 necessary for the support of the Franklin Elementary School for the school year beginning July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016?
4. Will the voters of the Franklin Town School District authorize the Board of School Directors to borrow a sum, not to exceed \$20,000.00, to be repaid over a term of three (3) years, for the purchase of mowing equipment to be shared by the town and school district?
5. To elect one Franklin School Director for a term of three (3) years.
6. To transact any other business legally authorized to be transacted; considered appropriate and necessary when met.

CLOSE TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING AND ENTER REGULAR TOWN MEETING

7. To elect a moderator for the ensuing year.
8. To receive and act upon the reports of the several town officers.
9. Will the voters of the Town of Franklin appropriate a sum of \$5,000 for the Franklin Watershed Committee?
10. Will the voters of the Town of Franklin authorize the Selectboard to borrow a sum, not to exceed \$209,000 including interest, less any applicable grants, to be repaid over a term of not more than five years, for the purpose of purchasing a new fire truck?
11. Will the voters of the Town of Franklin appropriate a sum of \$4,000 to help support the Highgate Arena Renovation Project?
12. To see if the voters will vote an adequate sum of money to meet current expenses, deficit, and debt payment of the town as indicated in the proposed municipal budget?
13. To elect the following town officers:
 - A. One selectboard member for a term of three years. (by ballot)
 - B. One selectboard member for a term of two years. (by ballot)
 - C. One lister for a term of three years. (by ballot)
 - D. One auditor for a term of three years. (by ballot)
 - E. A trustee of public money for a term of one year.
 - F. A trustee of the Haston Library Fund for a term of one year.
 - G. Three Haston Library trustees for three year terms.
 - H. A collector of delinquent taxes for a term of one year.
 - I. A constable for a term of one year.
 - J. A town agent to prosecute and defend suits in which the town is interested.
 - K. One or more grand jurors.
 - L. One representative to serve on the Franklin Homestead, Inc. Board of Directors for a term of three years.

14. To elect a person, or persons, to act as cemetery commissioner(s) to care for the cemeteries in town where there is no one responsible to act in such a capacity.
15. To see if the voters will set the date of payment of property taxes paid to the treasurer to be October 15, 2015 before 6:00 p.m.
16. To see if the town will vote to publish the names of all delinquent property taxpayers and amounts due and owed to the town as of December 31, 2015.
17. To elect any town officers to fill any town office that may be vacant at this time.
18. To transact any other non-binding business thought proper when met.

Franklin Selectboard

*Peter Magnant
Yvon Dandurand
Andrew Godin
Edmund Rainville
Brooks Sturtevant*

Franklin School Directors

*Timothy Magnant
David Rood
Robert Berger*

Read for record on January 22, 2015 at the Franklin School Library and is duly recorded.

ATTEST:

Lisa A. Larivee, Town Clerk

PLEASE NOTE: Special accommodations will be made for all handicapped persons requesting an accommodation at least three (3) business days prior to the meeting. Please call 285-2101 for more information.

ELECTED TOWN OFFICERS

Moderator.....Timothy Magnant.....Elected Annually
Town Clerk.....Lisa A. Larivee.....Term Expires 2016
Town Treasurer.....Lisa A. Larivee.....Term Expires 2017

SELECTBOARD

Andrew Godin.....Term Expires 2015
Yvon Dandurand.....Term Expires 2015
Peter Magnant.....Term Expires 2016
Edmund Rainville.....Term Expires 2016
Brooks Sturtevant.....Term Expires 2017

LISTERS

Robert Irish.....Term Expires 2015
Gilbert Dewing.....Term Expires 2016
Jean Richard.....Term Expires 2017

AUDITORS

Jean Richard.....Term Expires 2015
Carole Richard.....Term Expires 2016
Michelle Guilmette.....Term Expires 2017

TRUSTEE OF PUBLIC MONEY

Susan E. Clark.....Term Expires 2015

TRUSTEE OF HASTON LIBRARY FUND

Kimberly Gates Maynard.....Term Expires 2015

HASTON LIBRARY TRUSTEES

Linda Hartman.....Term Expires 2015
Karen Gates.....Term Expires 2015
Susan Clark.....Term Expires 2015
Carole Richard.....Term Expires 2016
Jennifer Bright.....Term Expires 2016
Bryant Reynolds.....Term Expires 2017
Art Leduc.....Term Expires 2017

DELINQUENT TAX COLLECTOR

Johanna Crane-Godin.....Term Expires 2015

CONSTABLE

Burt Maynard.....Term Expires 2015

TOWN AGENT

George Godin.....Term Expires 2015

TOWN GRAND JURORS

Douglas Clark.....Term Expires 2015

Aaron Porter.....Term Expires 2015

FRANKLIN HOMESTEAD, INC

Jean Richard.....Term Expires 2015

Kay Papazoni.....Term Expires 2016

Elizabeth Rainville.....Term Expires 2017

CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS

Nancy Wilson.....Term Expires 2015

Jennifer Dewing.....Term Expires 2015

Howard Vanselette.....Term Expires 2015

FRANKLIN SCHOOL DIRECTORS

David Rood.....Term Expires 2015

Robert Berger.....Term Expires 2016

Timothy Magnant.....Term Expires 2017

MISSISQUOI VALLEY UNION #7 DIRECTORS

Vicki Gratton.....Term Expires 2015

John Ho.....Term Expires 2016

Robert Irish.....Term Expires 2017

JUSTICES OF THE PEACE

	Daniel Clark	Gilbert Dewing
George Godin	Pauline Gadbois	Kimberly Gates Maynard

APPOINTED TOWN OFFICERS

ASSISTANT TOWN CLERK & TREASURER

Sara Rainville.....Term Expires 2015

PLANNING COMMISSION - 3 Year Term

Brooks Sturtevant (resigned).....Term Expires 2015
Judith McLaughlin (appointed).....Term Expires 2015
Daniel Larivee.....Term Expires 2015
Clark Hubbard *4 year Term.....Term Expires 2016
Greg Bouchard.....Term Expires 2016
Howard Deuso (resigned).....Term Expires 2016
Rolland Rainville (Appointed).....Term Expires 2016
John Ho (resigned).....Term Expires 2016
Dave Bennion (appointed).....Term Expires 2016
Peter Kittell.....Term Expires 2017

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT - 3 Year Term

Lyle Richard.....Term Expires 2015
Dennis Young.....Term Expires 2015
Chris O'Shea.....Term Expires 2016
James Pivrotto (alternate).....Term Expires 2016
Jill Pigeon.....Term Expires 2016
Carolyn Kittell.....Term Expires 2017
Chris Bolton.....Term Expires 2017

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR

Robert Irish.....Term Expires 2015

OTHER OFFICERS

Town Service Officer.....Pauline Gadbois
Health Officer.....Pauline Gadbois
Road Commissioner.....Andrew Godin
Road Foreman.....Howard Vansette
Animal Control Officer.....Dennis Demar
Tree & Fire Warden.....Burt Maynard
Keeper of Street Lights.....Donald Gates
Keeper of Town Clock.....Eric Gerrard
Emergency Management Coordinator.....Mark Toof
Regional Planning.....Clark Hubbard
.....Yvon Dandurand
E911 Coordinator.....Sara Rainville
Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC).....Peter Magnant
Energy Committee.....Vacant

AUDITORS' REPORT

We, the undersigned and duly elected auditors of the Town of Franklin, report that we have reviewed and approved in accordance with Title 24, §1681et seq, V.S.A., the accounts relating to the town and these findings are contained in the reports herein. We review all Selectboard orders and reconcile town bank statements.

The school accounts are audited by Angolano & Company, Certified Public Accountants. Angolano & Company's complete audit report is available for review at the Town Clerk's office. As part of the segregation of duties, town auditors reconcile the school bank statements.

*Respectfully submitted,
Jean Richard
Carole Richard
Michelle Guilmette*

SELECTBOARD REPORT

In 2014, residents of the Town of Franklin voted to merge with the Franklin Fire District #1 to form a municipal water department and also voted to join the Northwest Solid Waste District. These two changes were necessary to assure that the Town could abide by the current State regulations on drinking water standards and solid waste management.

The Franklin Fire District #1 remains the owner of the water system until the legislature meets to approve the merger early in the session. In the meantime, the Selectboard has formed a three member water commission to take over the responsibility and care of the water system. We would like to thank Jes Alexent, Chair; Brooks Sturtevant; and Marshall Ploof for volunteering to become the first members of the water commission. They have already had several meetings and have met with the State to help smooth the transition. The water commission has also started the search for a part-time employee to maintain and run the day-to-day functions of the water system. These changes should have no effect on the taxpayers of Franklin, other than the village residents, as the cost of operating and maintaining the water system will still be paid by the water users. The Selectboard would like to thank Marshall and Colette Ploof for their many years of dedicated service in maintenance and cost control of the water system.

Another major change was the decision to join the Northwest Solid Waste District (NWSWD) rather than for the town regulating its own solid waste implementation plan. Not only is this cost effective, but the NWSWD provides drop off sites, special collection events, recycling, electronic disposal, composting and a reuse center in Georgia. Visit the NWSWD website at NWSWD.org and watch the newsletters for information on upcoming events.

An ongoing concern for the town continues with the blue green algae outbreaks in Lake Carmi. The high phosphorus levels are being blamed for the blue green algae outbreaks. With the help of Northwest Regional Planning Commission (NRPC) a complete inventory of culverts was completed to document the size, materials and conditions of the culverts. This information will be helpful in determining where the areas of erosion are and to prioritize what culverts need to be addressed. The Selectboard has been working with the Franklin Watershed Committee (FWC) to communicate with the State on what is going to be done to improve the water quality. The Selectboard has also worked with the FWC to apply for grants to help improve water quality. The Selectboard has written letters of support for the FWC in applying for the following grants; Lake Champlain Basin, Regional Conservation Partnership Program, 319 Grant for Friends of Lake Champlain, and Lake Wise and Ecosystem Restoration. The Selectboard looks forward to continuing to work with the State and the FWC in helping to improve the water quality in Lake Carmi.

The milfoil in the lake also continues to be a nuisance for camp owners and boaters. Lake Carmi Campers Association (LCCA) has continued to discuss the use of herbicides as a way of controlling milfoil in Lake Carmi with the Selectboard. The LCCA feels this is the best option for controlling the milfoil in the lake which was heavily covered this past summer. The LCCA has asked the Selectboard for a town vote to approve the use of herbicides in Lake Carmi to control milfoil. They have asked for a vote in August 2015 after an informational meeting on the use of herbicides. The Selectboard has not supported this option due to the high cost of the application. We are being told it would take 5 applications (one per year) to cover all of the milfoil in the lake at a cost of between \$50,000 and \$70,000 per application. Further applications would be required after the 5 years as milfoil will continue to grow especially if the phosphorus levels in the lake remain high. The herbicide application will not help reduce the phosphorus. The Selectboard would rather look into a new weed harvester that could remove more of the milfoil either in combination with or in place of the current weed harvester.

The work on the town hall roof was not done in 2014. The job to replace the portion of the roof over the side entryway and the rear of the building was sent out for bid in the spring but unfortunately we received no bids. We rebid the project in the fall and received two bids that were unfortunately over the \$10,000 we had approved for the project. With that we decided to see if we could get a grant to help us complete this project. With the help of the Town Clerk, we were awarded a Historical Preservation Grant in the amount of \$14,512 with a matching amount required of the same \$14,512. With the \$10,000 already approved we plan to budget for the remaining amount required. In addition to the roof, this grant also includes repair of the foundation on the north side, and drainage along the north and east walls of that section.

Through mediation a settlement was reached in the James Phelps vs the Town of Franklin lawsuit. The lawsuit alleged that James Phelps motorcycle accident on Browns Corner Road at the intersection of the Beaver Meadow road was due to chloride being spilled onto the pavement. The settlement was for \$187,500 which was paid by the town's insurance provider, Vermont Leagues of Cities and Towns (VLCT). With the closure of this case there is no litigation pending against the town.

*Respectfully Submitted,
Peter Magnant, Yvon Dandurand,
Andrew Godin, Edmund Rainville
& Brooks Sturtevant*

ROAD COMMISSIONER REPORT

This summer the Selectboard, in an ongoing effort to make the intersection of Route 120, Middle Road and Route 235 safer, tested the changes proposed by a DOT engineer as discussed in last year's report. After a few weeks of altered traffic flow, the Selectboard decided not to permanently implement all of the changes proposed. Public comments regarding the changes were mixed, but mostly the decision was based on the difficulty had by tractor trailers to maneuver the intersection. We did add a stop sign to make it safer for traffic moving through the intersection, which has received very positive feedback.

Since the paving of Dewing Road, the rate of speed at which vehicles are traveling has increased. This has resulted in many vehicles going off the road where the Towle Neighborhood and Dewing Roads intersect. In response, the Selectboard decided to change the intersection to a three-way stop.

A bridge was installed, replacing the culverts for the outlet of Lake Carmi on Dewing Shore Road in September. The project was completed without complication, and took a little less time than projected, as the low lake level last fall made conditions ideal for the project.

The grant funding for brine application set up is no longer available, therefore we are not pursuing brine at this time. We will continue to communicate with Northwest Regional Planning for potential grant funds.

With the agreement of the Selectboard, Franklin Telephone Company, and Franklin Homestead, work began last fall to repair Homestead Drive. Broken sections of asphalt were removed, along with some added drainage under the driveway. The project will be completed in the summer of 2015.

It has been brought to the Selectboard's attention there are a fair amount of dead trees along our roads. In the coming months, we will be exploring options to address the potential hazard of dead and falling trees and limbs. If any residents are, or become aware of such hazards, please contact the Road Commissioner, the Town Garage, or the Town Clerk's Office.

Last summer the Selectboard arranged for an assessment of our dirt roads to get an idea in what areas we could improve. The road crew and I met with three representatives of Vermont's Better Back Roads program. We spent a couple of hours traveling the dirt roads, stopping frequently to ask questions and get advice. They advised that our grader is a little small and some of the roads could use more material to work with, but overall our road conditions were great. They went as far as to rate our dirt roads in the top three they had inspected in the state.

I would like to conclude by thanking the road crew for their work and service to the Town of Franklin.

*Respectfully submitted,
Andrew Godin
Road Commissioner*

PAVING PROGRESS REPORT/PLAN

2009:

- Hanna Road 821.84 tons @ \$65.19/ton = \$53,575; 1 mile with 1" overlay.
- Gallup Road 594 tons @ \$65.19/ton = \$38,723; .6 mile with ½" shim with 1" overlay.

2010:

- Stanley Road 755.59 tons @ \$71.41/ton = \$53,957; 3.85 miles
- Swamp Road 2,592.99 tons @ \$71.41/ton = \$185,165; 1.9 miles with ½" shim with 1 ½" overlay (state funds of \$157,500)

2011:

- Square Road 112.8 tons @ \$73.34/ton = \$8,273; .3 miles
- Morses Line Road approx. 1.5 miles of shim; 1239.45 tons @ \$73.34 = \$90,901

2012:

- Morses Line Road top layer resurface 740.73 tons @ \$76.48 = \$56,651.03
- Fire Station lot 67.49 tons @ \$76.48 = \$5,161.63
- Hanna Rd 493.39 tons @ \$76.48 = \$37,734.47

2013:

- Riley Road (hill) resurface 725.15 tons @ \$77.99 = \$56,554.45
- Hanna Road resurface 433.60 tons @ \$77.99 = \$33,816.46
- Strip in front of Dick Wright's and Franklin Telephone Company 50 tons @ \$77.99 = \$3,899.50
- Fire Station resurface of lot 53 tons @ \$77.99 = \$4,133.47

2014:

- Morses Line Road from Richard Rd west to Messier Rd; 1068.79 tons @ \$74.76 = \$79,902.74

2015:

- Homestead Drive
- Morses Line Road
- Dewing Road
- Riley Road

This plan is subject to change if transportation grants are received or if there is a road condition that requires immediate attention.

2014 ROAD MAINTENANCE REPORT

Barnum Rd: graded 3 times; 42 ton stone; 224 yds gravel; 750 gal chloride; road side mowing.

Beaver Meadow Rd: graded 3 times; 42 tons stone; 14 yds gravel; 350 gal chloride.

Browns Corner Rd: road side mowing/guard rail trimming.

Colton Rd: graded 2 times; 14 yds. gravel; 14 yds stone; 700 gal chloride

Dandurand Rd: graded 3 times; 56 yds blue rock; 700 gal chloride; road side mowing

Dewing Shore Rd: graded 4 times; 14 yds. blue rock; 1500 gal chloride

Durkee Rd: graded 3 times; 28 yds stone; 450 gal chloride; road side mowing

Gallup Rd: graded 3 times; 84 yds stone; 168 yds. gravel; 1100 gal chloride

Kendall Rd: graded 4 times; 42 yds gravel; 600 gal chloride;

Middle Rd: graded 3 times; 140 yds. blue rock; 28 yds. gravel; 28 yds stone; 2800 gal chloride

Messier Rd: graded 4 times; 14 yds stone; 54 yds gravel; 500 gal chloride; road side mowing

Pidgeon Hill Rd: graded 2 times; 45 yds. gravel; 28 yds stone; 750 gal chloride; road side mowing

Rice Hill Rd: graded 3 times; 42 yds. blue rock; 500 gal chloride

Richard Rd: graded 3 times; 800 gal chloride

Riley Rd: graded 3 times; 70 yds stone; 500 gal chloride; road side mowing

Scott Rd: graded 3 times; 14 yds gravel; 750 gal chloride

Skunk's Misery Rd: 242 yds. gravel; road side mowing

Towle Neighborhood Rd: graded 3 times; 224 yds blue rock; 2000 gal chloride; road side mowing.

Webster Rd: road side mowing

PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT

As Chairman of the Planning Commission I would like to take this opportunity to report on the progress and achievements for the past year.

The Planning Commission has approved two sub-divisions and reviewed an alternative power source for our area in the past year. We also continue our constant work of reviewing our Town Plan and Zoning Bylaws.

In the future, we are looking at possible growth, more sub-divisions, and updates to regulations. We will continue to serve our community and monitor issues while always keeping the good of the town in mind.

I would like to thank Brooks Sturtevant, Howard Deuso, and John Ho for their services; each of these members resigned during the past year and they will be missed.

I would like to thank Judith McLaughlin, Dave Bennion, and Rolland Rainville for stepping up to fill the vacant slots on the commission. I would also like to thank Daniel Larivee, Greg Bouchard and Assistant Chairman, Peter Kittell for their years of service.

As always our meetings are open to the public which are on the third Tuesday of each month. If you need to have an issue addressed by the Commission please notify the Town Clerk about having it warned, if necessary.

*Respectfully submitted,
Clark E. Hubbard, Chairman*

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT REPORT

The Zoning Board of Adjustment (ZBA) held five hearings during the last year that involved six applications.

The following applications were approved in the Shoreland Recreational District:

- Two camp replacements
- Two camp additions
- One year-round use conversion of a camp

The following application was denied in the Rural Residential District:

- One sugar house that required a set-back variance

Volunteers serving on this board are: Chris O'Shea, Carolyn Kittell, Chris Bolton, Dennis Young, Jill Pigeon, Lyle Richard, and Jim Pivorotto.

*Respectfully submitted,
Lisa Larivee, Town Clerk*

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

In 2014, zoning activity in the Town of Franklin showed a slow but steady increase over activity at the same time in 2013. There were fewer building permits than last year. Permits for single-family homes remained the same while doublewides increased. Subdivisions doubled over last year as did letters of Administrative Opinions. The sales of open land increased. During the year, 34 building permits and Agricultural notifications were received; this is six less than last year. Thirty-four building permits were issued; three were referred to the Zoning Board of Adjustment (ZBA). The ZBA approved two and disapproved one. There were six Certificates of Compliance (Subdivisions) received. Most permits were for improvements to existing structures in the town.

The permits processed in 2014 were for:

3 additions	5 porches	1 camp
6 garages	8 sheds	2 sugar houses
3 barns	3 homes	3 doublewides

There were 13 Administrative Opinion letters issued; nine more than last year and a 200% increase. It is indicative of an improving housing market. The number of foreclosed properties in the Town has been reduced by more than 50%.

I expect that in 2015 there will be an increase in zoning activity, both in new homes and subdivisions, and an increase in permits to improve existing structures. I anticipate the Shoreline Protection Act will present the Town with future challenges in development at the lake.

The Zoning Administrator is in the Town Office every Monday from 10:00 a.m. until noon.

*Respectfully submitted,
Robert B Irish
Zoning Administrator*

HEALTH OFFICER REPORT

In 2014, I received three reports of dog bites; two reports of possible mold and rodent infestation; and three reports regarding water quality, including “boil water” notices. I received both verbal and written incident notifications from Northwestern Medical Center regarding dog bites. If you are bitten and the bite punctures the skin, you should be seen by a doctor and the animal’s owner must produce a copy of a current rabies vaccination. The Town of Franklin has a Dog Ordinance which can be viewed on the town’s website.

I also received reports of three septic violations which were forwarded to the Agency of Natural Resources and an enforcement officer made a site visit to each reported violation. The state is willing to work with offenders; however, our environment can no longer tolerate these violations and land owners will be required to comply with current state regulations.

Lake Carmi has a serious milfoil infestation and this year I received reports of confirmed algae blooms in several areas around the lake. The water at the Lake Carmi State Park is tested weekly during the summer months by the State of Vermont and the Town is notified when algae is present.

To report an incident or concern, please contact the Town Clerk’s office at 285-2101.

*Respectfully submitted,
Pauline W. Gadbois*

CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS’ REPORT

In April, spring cleanup was started at all cemeteries along with removal of fallen trees at Briggs, Willard, Willey and Marsh cemeteries. The ice storm caused most of the tree damage especially at the Willard and Marsh. The wet spring also caused many of the stones at the Willard and Marsh to fall over; these had to be put back up and reinforced. Once cleanup was finished, flowers were placed at the cemeteries in time for Memorial Day. Weekly mowing and trimming was performed during the season. Several other trees were removed after they were damaged by summer wind storms. In October, cemeteries were picked up and closed for the season.

*Respectfully submitted,
Jennifer Dewing, Nancy Wilson
and Howard Vanslette*

ENHANCED 911 REPORT

In 2014, three addresses were removed due to buildings being torn down, two new addresses were added and two existing addresses were updated to reflect more accurate locations to the Enhanced 911 System. We are working with the State to correct past addressing errors in the Town.

Any new structure requiring an Enhanced 911 address must have a completed, approved driveway permit for a Town or State road. Requests for E-911 address' can be submitted to the Town Clerk's Office.

Please take note of landmarks and road names around you when calling 911 - this information will help dispatchers pinpoint your location in addition to the information that the Enhanced 911 system provides. Marking your driveway, residence or camp with a reflective address sign or clearly visible numbers will further ensure that emergency services can find you during an emergency.

Damage and disappearance of street signs throughout the Town continues to be a problem and to replace an entire unit (pole, sign and hardware) is very costly. Please report any missing street signs to the highway department at 285-2180 or the Town Clerk at 285-2101, so that we may replace them quickly to ensure emergency response is not delayed.

*Respectfully submitted,
Sara Rainville*

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR

In 2014, the Town's Emergency Operation Plan (EOP) was reviewed and updated by myself and the Selectboard. The current EOP names the Franklin Central School as the primary shelter for the community of Franklin in the event of a disaster. We recognized a deficiency in the notification of townspeople regarding shelter availability during disasters. A new system of notification is in development to better communicate shelter status to the residents of Franklin. With the assistance of the Selectboard, we will educate the community in the use of this method of notification once established.

I also met with Carriage House/Homestead management to review and collaborate on their emergency plans with Franklin Fire and Rescue. An ongoing process of plan review and training for Franklin Fire personnel will promote safety and emergency response efficiency in the event of a disaster.

*Respectfully submitted,
Mark Toof
Emergency Management Coordinator, Town of Franklin
Lieutenant, Franklin Fire Dept.
Emergency Medical Technician, Franklin Rescue*

FRANKLIN HOMESTEAD, INC.

Franklin Homestead Inc. is a nonprofit organization dedicated to providing affordable housing options to seniors in our community. We also prepare and deliver Meals on Wheels, offer 500 Card Parties open to the community on Saturday nights and provide a community gathering place in the FELCO room.

Franklin Homestead offers 23 apartments for seniors 55 and over. Franklin Carriage House offers 18 apartments with supportive services such as meals, cleaning, laundry and staff on site 24 hours a day.

We want to thank all those who have contributed their time and effort including our wonderful Meals on Wheels drivers, the many gardeners who donate fresh vegetables and fruits, our Card Party Volunteers, musicians, and the many community members who help to make the Homestead and Carriage House special.

The FELCO Room has stayed busy as a resident and community meeting place and has been used for flu shot clinics, senior dinners, craft and education groups and many gatherings both public and private.

This spring, repairs were made to the Homestead sand filter system. In the coming year, plans are being made to upgrade the heating system, repair sidewalks and the parking area.

During 2014, five new residents moved into Franklin Carriage House with a total vacancy rate of 2%. Three new residents moved into the Franklin Homestead with a total vacancy rate of .5%.

The members of our board of directors are: Robert Mays, President, Elizabeth Rainville, Vice President and Secretary, Jean Richard, Treasurer, Sue Baron, Richard Boudreau, Jay Hartman, Mary Larose, Kay Papazoni and Paul Gates.

Copies of the financial statements as audited by McSoley and McCoy are available for review.

For more information on housing, employment, volunteering, use of the FELCO Room or donations, please contact Stacy Silloway at 285-2944.

Please take the time to visit our website at www.franklincarriagehouse.webs.com

*Respectfully submitted,
The Board of Directors
Franklin Homestead, Inc.*

VERMONT COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK (VCDB) GRANT

In 1998, the Town of Franklin received a \$396,000 grant from VCDB of which \$391,000 was turned over to Franklin Homestead, Inc., to build the Franklin Carriage House and \$5,000 was retained to cover administrative and audit costs.

The first loan was in the amount of \$130,000 at a rate of 0% for a term of thirty (30) years. Payments are to be made per the grant/mortgage requirements.

The second loan will be in the amount of \$261,000 and will be at 0% for a term of thirty (30) years with payments deferred for each year the requirements of the VHCB affordability covenant is maintained; and, 1/30 of the principal forgiven for each year it had previously maintained compliance with the covenant, providing there has been no change in use or ownership of the property.

As of December 31, 2014, the Town of Franklin did not receive any payments from the Franklin Carriage House. A copy of the Franklin Carriage House Ltd audit is available at the Town Clerk's Office.

FRANKLIN HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Franklin Historical Society (FHS) had another busy year bringing Franklin's history to our home folks. Our Board of Directors continued to work toward increasing our residents' knowledge of our town. Our current FHS board members are Bryant J. Reynolds, President; Kimberly Gates Maynard, Vice President; Carole Richard, Treasurer; Susan Clark, Secretary; and Nancy Magnant, Documents Curator. Other dedicated history buffs who contributed to our cause are Colette Ploof, Marshall Ploof, Curtis Ploof, Lucille Lothian, Burt Maynard, Carolyn Kittell, David Samson, Ruth Ann Krayesky, Albert Gagne, Kathy Rouleau, and Dan Clark.

Our major projects for 2014 were to keep our log cabin neat and tidy, how to celebrate Franklin's 225th anniversary, and continue our historical presentations with our Franklin Central School.

First, FHS cleaned and opened the cabin in early spring. Of course, we will continue with the never-ending job of chinking and daubing the log walls. We closed the cabin in late October.

Second, we worked on how to celebrate the 225th anniversary of Franklin. To be very frank, it was Mrs. Diane Gates who brought the March 19th date to FHS' attention at our last town meeting. FHS decided we'd create two floats for the Memorial Day parade. The first float depicted early settlers of Huntsburgh in Albert Gagne's ox-pulled wagon in period costumes and the second float was an anniversary cake. We had a 225th anniversary banner made which we placed on the gazebo in front of the town hall for most of the year. We still hope to plant two flowering trees by the town's war memorial. We also created a window display commemorating the 225th anniversary across from the Town Clerk's office.

Thirdly, we continued our history projects with the Franklin Central School with four presentations. Nancy Magnant was our group leader again on these projects. We explained Franklin life in 1878, played games, had apple bobbing, and served cookies and cider.

For too long FHS has neglected the contributions made by the Grennon family to FHS for over ten years. Charles Grennon with the help of his dad, Jeff, has mowed and trimmed the log cabin's lawn. After Charles graduated from high school, Charles' brother, Cyrus, took over the job. FHS Board members can't thank Jeff, Charles, and Cyrus enough for all their dedicated hard work in keeping the cabin's lawn in tip-top shape. Many, many thanks from all of Franklin!

Finally, FHS would like to thank everyone who helped us keep Franklin history alive and living in 2014. We are always looking for more volunteers so if you have the least bit of interest in your town's history then come and join us. We usually meet the fourth Saturday of each month during April to October at the Franklin Telephone Office at 9:00AM.

*Respectfully submitted,
Bryant J. Reynolds*

WATER COMMISSION

The Franklin drinking water system has been maintained and operated for many years under the auspices of Franklin Fire District #1, through the efforts of Marshall Ploof with administrative help from Collette Ploof, as well as periodic help by others. The water system includes a spring source, a partially buried storage tank, and piping to the village; with no pumping. The State has recently imposed requirements for modifications and upgrades to the water system. Those State requirements derive, in part, from Federal regulations issued under the Safe Drinking Water Act and administered by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. These requirements impose additional burdens on the operation of the water system.

A Plan of Merger for the Town to assume ownership of the water system was drafted in early 2014, and informational meetings were held in the summer. On July 29, 2014, the users of the water system serving the village voted to approve the merger of the Franklin Fire District #1 with the Town so that the Town would take over ownership, operation and administration of the water system. The Town voters voted on August 26 to approve the merger. The merger will be finalized upon acceptance by the State Legislature which is anticipated to occur in January, 2015.

On September 22, the Selectboard nominated and approved three individuals to serve on a Town Water Commission; Jes Alexant, Chairman (3-year term); Brooks Sturtevant, member (2-year term), and Marshall Ploof, member (1-year term). The Water Commission committed to holding regular meetings on a monthly basis for the foreseeable future. To take over the responsibilities of the operation on the ground, it was determined that the Town will have to hire a new part-time Operator who is State certified or trained to be certified as a Class 2 Operator. In addition, it was estimated there will be a need for some clerical time related to issuance of water bills and related items.

The State requirements are contained in an Amended Permit to Operate issued by the State to the Fire District on December 10, 2014. The requirements listed by the State relate to several things, including:

- Submission of monthly reports and other monitoring information;
- Installation of sampling taps;
- Provisions for disinfection, including installation of a dedicated flow-paced disinfection system capable of being activated quickly if testing indicates a positive result for bacteria in the water distribution system;
- Water quality testing and potential measures including possible treatment to address corrosion of copper or lead from piping;
- Modification of storage tank overflow features;
- Modification of a user inline booster pump related to water system pressures and potential cross-connection hazard;
- Measurement of the water produced by the spring and measurement of the water provided to the distribution system; and
- An operation and maintenance manual (instructions) for the water system.

A Vermont consulting engineering firm provided information and preliminary guidance to the Town in 2014 related to the required upgrades and related to available funding; and submitted a proposal to provide engineering assistance. Preliminary discussions have been held with State officials related to funding and application procedures. Order of magnitude estimates have been developed for the required upgrade construction. It is anticipated that the upgrades

will primarily involve installation of some small mechanical/electrical equipment, and not major structural or civil construction.

An advertisement for the part-time water Operator position was posted by the Town in mid-December, 2014. It is anticipated that applications will be screened and that interviews will be conducted by the Water Commission members in early January, 2015; and that the new part-time Operator hired sometime in January 2015.

All of the costs related to the water system, both capital and operational, will be borne solely by the water system users, and not by the general Town taxpayers. This will require that the current water rates be increased. The exact amount of the projected water rate increase was not determined in 2014. That determination will require the completion of a preliminary engineering study which is projected to be done in 2015 along with funding applications. The upgrade construction work is projected for 2016.

The Consumer Confidence Report for 2014 for the water system is being drafted for issuance to the water users separately from this report.

*Respectfully submitted,
Mr. J. E. Alexant
Chairman, Water Commission*

LAKE CARMİ CAMPERS' ASSOCIATION REPORT

The Lake Carmi Camper's Association (LCCA) is dedicated to conserving our unique natural resources, improving and enhancing the quality of life and the environment, for all Lake Carmi residents and visitors. In cooperation with local and state authorities, the association strives to provide educational, cultural and recreational activities, water quality management and safety education initiatives. Further, the association provides a medium through which information and educational programs and materials can be distributed throughout the community.

The LCCA is a vibrant force for all lake and town residents. The 2014 "Celebrate Lake Carmi," conducted during the July 4th holiday week, was a highlight of the summer in Franklin. Fireworks, a Pontoon Boat Race, a Pirate Raid Adventure, a Lighted Boat Parade, a Sailfest, Fly Boarding and a Parade of Champions provided a week of activities and a whole lot of happiness at the lake. Plans are underway for the 2015 edition including a new kayak event and a continuation of the Pirate Saga.

Protection and improvement of the Lake Carmi watershed is paramount. The summer of 2014 rendered nuisance blue green algae blooms. The lake became a popular editorial topic calling for change in land practices in the watershed to reduce nutrient loading, eliminate algae blooms and improve water quality. It also became a local election campaign issue. The LCCA was very active in this regard attending public hearings, legislative forums and press conferences. The Association remains committed to working with landowners to improve the watershed. The LCCA is adamant that this change must occur now. Lake Carmi cannot tolerate any more pollution.

The operation of the mechanical weed harvester is currently the sole means used to manage the nuisance weed, *Eurasian Water Milfoil* in Lake Carmi. The addition of a second operator in 2014 increased the harvester's activity around the lake. Efforts will be renewed in 2015 to expand the coverage, operation and effectiveness of the harvester. Efforts will also be made in 2015 to replace the harvester with a newer more effective machine. The LCCA pays 10% of the harvester's operational costs with the balance paid through the Town with a State grant. Since the use of a herbicide to control milfoil was rejected by the Town, the LCCA experimented with the use of Weevils that feed on the Milfoil. LCCA volunteers raised weevils which were placed in the lake August 2013. Positive results were not observed in 2014. Consideration to conduct a second Weevil experiment will be addressed in 2015.

The board is committed to working with the Town and State to find a solution for the control of milfoil and algae in the lake. The LCCA will establish the Lake Carmi Foundation in the near future to help fund protection of the lake from harmful pollution, sediment and erosion. All methods to improve the water quality of Lake Carmi will continue to be researched and evaluated.

The association remains a strong supporter and partner with the Franklin Watershed Committee to improve the water quality in Lake Carmi. The LCCA strongly advocates lake shore owners to participate in the septic pump out program, water conservation efforts and the VT-DEC Lake Wise Program.

Security of lake property is of primary concern during the winter months. The LCCA contracts with the Franklin County Sheriff to patrol the lake area from October through April, providing a necessary law enforcement presence. Membership window cards provide officers with camp owner contact information.

The annual Ice-Out Contest and Pontoon Boat Race Raffle were the primary fund raisers in 2014 raising money for association projects. Researching the means to control Eurasian Milfoil and to reduce algae is paid from our Water Quality Fund. A donation to the Franklin Watershed Committee Inc. was made from this fund. Donations to the Franklin Fire Department, Haston Library and the Franklin Homestead were made from LCCA general funds.

The LCCA is a focal point for the dissemination of information to the lake and town communities. Our monthly newsletters are published and distributed widely by the association to keep residents and friends informed about life at Lake Carmi and the Town of Franklin. Safety Posters and resident directories are published annually. In addition, a Summer Calendar of Events is published in cooperation with the Franklin Historical Society. The LCCA website also includes town activities. All LCCA Newsletters are available on the website [www.lakecarmi.org]; it is free and open to all.

Our Board of Directors work throughout the year for the lake and town communities, all are non-paid volunteers. The LCCA Directors for 2014 to 2015 are: Robert Baran; Peter Benevento; Debra Bushey; Ernie Englehardt; Polly Gadbois; Hilda Hendrickson; Ruth Ann Krayesky; Diane Larose; Robert Lumnah; Judith McLaughlin; Larry Myott; Jay Sheperd, Derick White and Gerry Whitney. All Board of Director Meetings are open to the public, meeting dates are publically posted.

*Respectfully submitted,
Peter Benevento, President LCCA*



Franklin Watershed Committee

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The FWC is a not-for-profit organization working to improve water quality in Lake Carmi and other bodies of water in the town of Franklin. Our main goal is to reduce the amount of nutrients and sediment that enter Lake Carmi through streams and other run off. This run off contains phosphorus, and excess phosphorus is the main ingredient causing algae blooms, fish die-offs, and excessive growth of underwater vegetation.

These are the Action Items highlighted in the 2008 TMDL (Total Maximum Daily Load – phosphorus) developed for Lake Carmi by the State of Vermont:

Shoreline Management- In 2014 we continued work with a grant through the new Vermont Lake Wise Program (Eco-System Restoration Program) to help shoreline property owners install lake-friendly landscaping, evaluate septic systems, and prevent erosion from driveways, ditches, and pathways. The State has awarded us this same grant for 2015 and we will continue this work throughout the year.

Septic Outreach- We fund a septic Pump-Out Program providing a \$75 rebate for septic pumping and a \$25 contribution toward the rental of port-o-lets for large parties. We also fund the replacement of older toilets and faucets with modern, water conservation fixtures. All these programs help reduce the load on the smaller, older septic systems often found at lakeshore camps, and help prevent leaching of phosphorus and bacteria into the lake.

Stream Monitoring and Repairs- FWC volunteers collect bi-weekly samples from area streams, helping us to identify sources of phosphorus and sediment. We work with landowners and the Town to stabilize eroding ditches, banks, and culverts.

Working with Community Members, Farmers, and Landowners- We are willing to work with all landowners and offer assistance, when financially possible, with small construction projects, stream bank stabilization and fencing. We hosted our annual farm day in conjunction with the Friends of Northern Lake Champlain, the Missisquoi River Basin Association and UVM Extension. We look forward to the many local events and festivities in order to participate, learn more about the community, meet more community members, and continue to spread awareness about water quality issues.

We meet the third Thursday of the month at 7:00 pm in the Homestead FELCO Room.

Board Members for 2015: Bruce Bushey (President), Jeff Teitelbaum (Vice President), Martine Gates (Treasurer), Peter Benevento (Secretary), Pat Hayes, Wayne Fiske, and George Robson.

*Respectfully submitted,
Alisha Sawyer
FWC Coordinator*

FRANKLIN WATERSHED COMMITTEE, INC.

Beginning Balance – January 1, 2014

Checking	\$ 6,565.33	
Adjustment to beginning balance	<u>0.20</u>	
TOTAL CASH		\$ 6,565.53

INCOME

2012 Vermont 319 Grant	\$ 16,634.52	
2013 ERP Lake Wise Grant	43,000.00	
2014 ERP AG Grant	2,000.00	
2014 NEIWPCG Grant	2,350.00	
Donations: Lake Carmi Campers' Association	3,000.00	
Town of Franklin	1,000.00	
Ben & Jerry's General Support	1,000.00	
Individuals	<u>1,614.10</u>	
TOTAL INCOME		\$ <u>70,598.62</u>

TOTAL CASH/INCOME **\$ 77,164.15**

EXPENSES

2012 Vermont 319 Projects	\$ 10,803.13	
2013 Lake Wise Projects	33,923.13	
2014 ERP Ag Grant Projects	525.00	
2014 NEIWPCG Expense	3,351.28	
2014 Local Watershed Projects	<u>6,813.91</u>	
TOTAL EXPENSES		\$ 55,416.45

Ending Balance - December 31, 2014

Checking	\$ 21,747.70	
TOTAL CASH		\$ <u>21,747.70</u>

TOTAL EXPENSES/CASH **\$ 77,164.15**

*Respectfully submitted,
Martine Gates*

HASTON LIBRARY REPORT

In 2014, the Haston Library had its usual very busy year; 6,495 materials were borrowed from the Haston Library with a total of over 3,951 patron visits to our town library. The computers and wireless services were used 1,068 times.

One hundred twenty-two programs were offered to the Franklin community, including monthly adult book discussions; the Crossroads After School Program, Tractor Day, Physics of Flight with live raptors, Viewing the Sun with the Vermont Astronomical Society, Fish People with Ben Maddox, The Backpack Players performed the play, Beauty and the Beast, Worm Harvesting and Composting, Planting and Harvesting the Children's Garden, Children's Tea Party, plus our on-going LEGO Thursdays, Saturday Morning Story Hour, Knitting and Crocheting Tuesdays, Wonder Hand Casting Program with Franklin Elementary School Sixth Graders, and finally, Geek the Library. The paintings of artists Susan Galusha and Frank Tiralla were on display in the library this summer. Daily passes for the State Parks, Echo, Shelburne Museum, Shelburne Farms, and State Historic Sites continue to be available.

The Haston Library received several grants and donations in 2014. A \$600 seed grant from the New England Grassroots Environment Fund was used for the Haston Library Children's Garden planted in June, which provided vegetables for taste-testing throughout the summer. A NOFA Vermont grant for Tractor Day brought some 57 folks to the library to view and climb on the tractors generously brought by our Franklin farmers. Visitors made Tractor day T-shirts, sipped cider, and munched local treats. The Building Brighter Futures Grant of \$350 helped cover the purchase of craft supplies and presenter fees for Story Hour. We received a grant from the Vermont Humanities Council for 21 copies of the book, Wonder.

The Dick and Kelly Wright Memorial Bench was placed in front of the library last summer in remembrance of the Wright's generosity to the Franklin community. The library also received several generous donations in memory of Ora Ploof which will be used to help purchase a new book drop.

The library trustees, staff, and volunteers held four fundraisers: Town Meeting Lunch, Variety Show, Franklin Harvest Hoe-Down, and desserts for the Firemen's Barbeque.

Two community forums were held to help the library Staff and Trustees create a strategic plan for the library's role in your community. The strategic plan will be completed in 2015.

Finally, the Haston Library is your FREE public library and warmly welcomes everyone to use its resources and services to the fullest extent.

*Respectfully submitted by,
The Haston Library Board of Trustees,
Staff and Volunteers*

To view the Gifting and Fund Policies, please visit the Haston Library's website at <https://hastonlibrary.wordpress.com/trustees-info-2/>.

HASTON LIBRARY COMBINED REPORT

	<u>Jan-June</u> <u>2014 Budget</u>	<u>Jan-June</u> <u>2014 Actual</u>	<u>July-June</u> <u>FY15</u>	<u>FY15</u> <u>Anticipated</u>	<u>FY16</u> <u>Budget</u>
Beginning Balances - January 1, 2014					
Checking Account	\$ 1,428.29	\$ 1,428.38	\$ 895.68	\$ 895.68	\$ 4,224.36
Money Market Account	4,290.30	4,290.30			
Petty Cash	75.00	75.00	75.00	75.00	75.00
Beginning Cash:	<u>\$ 5,793.59</u>	<u>\$ 5,793.68</u>	<u>\$ 970.68</u>	<u>\$ 970.68</u>	<u>\$ 4,299.36</u>
<u>INCOME:</u>					
Town Funds	\$ 12,200.00	\$ 12,200.00	\$ 40,300.00	\$ 40,300.00	\$ 40,300.00
Fundraising	1,000.00	1,100.83	1,000.00	1,144.79	1,000.00
Donations		224.97		1,760.00	
Interest Earned		109.49		209.34	
Grant Income		650.00		600.00	
Wright Bench Funds		1,338.34			
Petty Cash Receipts		86.16		301.27	
Total Income:	<u>\$ 13,200.00</u>	<u>\$ 15,709.79</u>	<u>\$ 41,300.00</u>	<u>\$ 44,315.40</u>	<u>\$ 41,300.00</u>
Total Income/Beginning Cash:	<u>\$ 18,993.59</u>	<u>\$ 21,503.47</u>	<u>\$ 42,270.68</u>	<u>\$ 45,286.08</u>	<u>\$ 45,599.36</u>
<u>EXPENSES:</u>					
Salaries	\$ 11,435.50	\$ 11,631.25	\$ 22,771.00	\$ 22,729.65	\$ 23,550.00
Cleaning Contract	750.00	780.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00
Payroll Taxes	860.00	970.17	1,719.00	1,870.21	1,800.00
Books/Subscriptions	2,730.00	2,930.83	6,735.00	6,657.27	5,985.00
Operating Memberships				370.18	900.00
Processing/Shipping	200.00	119.06	400.00	399.66	480.00
Capital Expenses	700.00			690.00	
Programs		62.37	1,800.00	1,811.68	1,800.00
Supplies	400.00	728.32	1,150.00	826.57	1,150.00
Technology & Support	300.00	272.95	700.00	773.92	500.00
Telephone Expense	430.00	428.96	900.00	892.19	900.00
Postage Expense	50.00	46.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
Interlibrary Loan Costs	200.00	267.93	700.00	696.04	950.00
Professional Development	100.00	320.00	400.00	373.75	600.00
Professional Resources		65.00	300.00	297.50	300.00
Mileage	300.00	74.37	1,000.00	534.41	700.00
Miscellaneous	200.00	25.68	400.00	390.72	300.00
Telephone Book Expenses	20.00				
Shipping & Handling	70.00	23.85	100.00	97.97	100.00
Wright Trust Bench		1,768.05			
Advertising	50.00	18.00	50.00	50.00	50.00
Total Expenses:	<u>\$ 18,795.50</u>	<u>\$ 20,532.79</u>	<u>\$ 40,725.00</u>	<u>\$ 41,061.72</u>	<u>\$ 41,665.00</u>
Ending Balances - June 30, 2014					
Checking Account		\$ 895.68			
Money Market Balance					
Petty Cash		75.00			
Total Ending Cash:		<u>\$ 970.68</u>			
Total Expenses/Ending Cash:		<u>\$ 970.68</u>			

HASTON LIBRARY & EBEN RACINE MEMORIAL FUNDS

Beginning Balances - January 1, 2014

Eben Racine Fund - CD	\$	4,000.00	
Share Account		1,209.49	
Haston Library Fund - CD		39,022.61	
Edward Jones Account		<u>5,000.00</u>	
TOTAL BEGINNING BALANCE			\$ 49,232.10

INCOME

Interest	\$	639.90	
TOTAL INCOME			\$ <u>639.90</u>

TOTAL INCOME/BEGINNING BALANCE			<u>\$ 49,872.00</u>
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EXPENSES

Interest transferred to Library Account	\$	212.50	
Transferred to library - computer purchases		<u>669.00</u>	
TOTAL EXPENSES			\$ 881.50

Ending Balances - December 31, 2014

Eben Racine Fund - CD	\$	4,000.00	
Share Account		5,887.58	
Haston Library Fund - CD		9,000.00	
Edward Jones Investments		<u>30,102.92</u>	
TOTAL ENDING BALANCES			\$ <u>48,990.50</u> *
TOTAL EXPENSES/ENDING BALANCE			<u>\$ 49,872.00</u>

* \$48,819.99 Fund Investments; \$839.51 interest payable to Haston Library

Respectfully submitted,
Kim Gates Maynard

HASTON LIBRARY WINDOW REFURBISHMENT

Beginning Balance - January 1, 2014	\$	1,368.01	
Tim Hopkins - window painting		<u>(1,070.00)</u>	
Ending Balance - December 31, 2014			<u>\$ 298.01</u>

Respectfully submitted,
Lisa A. Larivee, Treasurer

TOWN OF FRANKLIN
COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEET

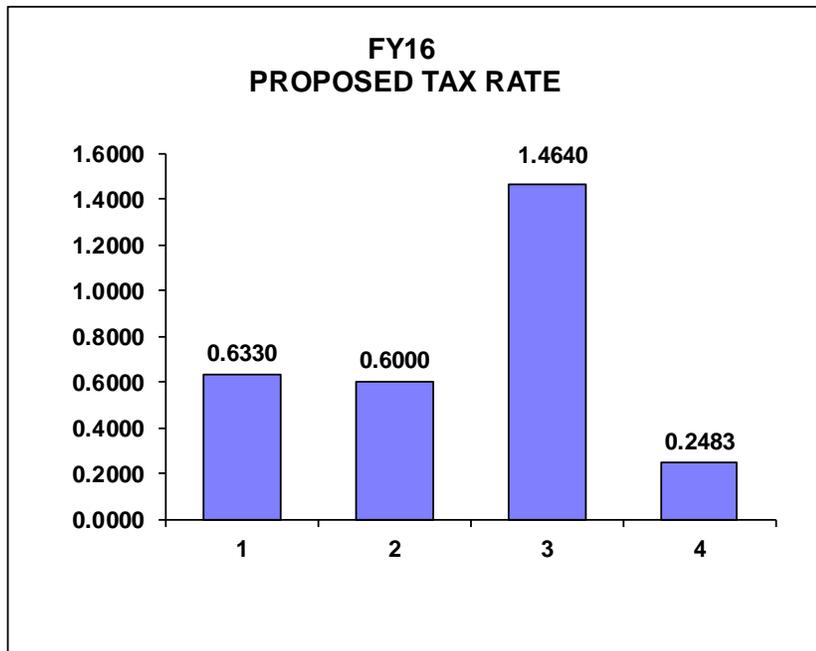
<u>ASSETS - Cash/Cash Equivalent</u>	<u>12/31/2013</u>	<u>6/30/2014</u>
Municipal	\$ 115,982.63	\$ 47,978.82
Equipment	46,487.17	1,516.40
Library Window Refurbishing	1,368.01	1,368.01
Haston Library	5,793.68	970.68
Recreational Funds		1,839.12
Health Reimbursement Account		520.72
Accounts Receivable - Delinquent Taxes	<u>40,779.31</u>	<u>10,193.93</u>
Total Assets	<u>\$ 210,410.80</u>	<u>\$ 64,387.68</u>
 <u>LIABILITIES/RESERVES:</u>		
<u>Reserves:</u>		
St. of Vt. Act 60 Reappraisal	\$ 8,245.00	\$ 16,456.00
Surcharge Restoration	19,314.97	20,865.97
State Listers Education	1,722.48	1,865.16
SWIP Grant	615.39	615.39
Computerization Funds	10,324.00	10,841.00
Clock Repair	125.00	125.00
Franklin Rescue Service-donation	44,196.41	44,196.41
Dewing Bridge Project	15,000.00	-
Dog licenses-State		116.00
Sand Shed Loan Balance		86,500.00
Borrowed Funds		45,000.00
Total Liabilities/Reserves	<u>\$ 99,543.25</u>	<u>\$ 226,580.93</u>
Fund Balance	<u>110,867.55</u>	<u>(162,193.25)</u>
Total Liabilities/Reserves/Fund Balance	<u>\$ 210,410.80</u>	<u>\$ 64,387.68</u>

This Balance Sheet represents all town accounts. For town school district accounts, see school section of this report.

COMPARISON OF TAX RATES

	ACTUALS						PROPOSED	
	2012	2012	2013	2013	2014-15	2014-15	FY16	FY16
	Resident	Non-Resident	Resident	Non-Resident	Resident	Non-Resident	Resident	Non-Resident
Homest. Ed Tax-local	0.5711		0.5666		0.5876		0.6330	
Homest. Ed Tax-H.S.	0.5866		0.6172		0.6057		0.6000	
Non-Res Ed. Tax		1.5247		1.4737		1.4368		1.4640
Municipal	0.2860	0.2860	0.3350	0.3350	0.4240	0.4240	0.2483	0.2483
Veterans Exemption	0.0019	0.0019	0.0020	0.0020	0.0023	0.0023	0.0023	0.0023
Art 10-Tri-Town Study	0.0019	0.0019						
Art 9-Watershed			0.0034	0.0034			0.0034	0.0034
Art 14-Sand Shed			0.0157	0.0157				
Fkln County Sheriff			0.0027	0.0027	0.0037	0.0037		
Art 12-Town Hall					0.0067	0.0067		
Art 13-Dewing Bridge					0.0199	0.0199		
Art 10-Fire Truck							0.0277	0.0277
Art 11-Highgate Arena							0.0027	0.0027
TAX RATE	1.4475	1.8145	1.5426	1.8325	1.6499	1.8934	1.5174	1.7484

Grand List Totals \$ 865,035 \$626,683 \$828,293 \$670,029 \$856,406 \$666,457 \$857,359 \$655,989



- 1 - Homestead Education Tax - Local School
- 2 - Homestead Education Tax - High School
- 3 - Non-Residential Education Tax
- 4 - Municipal

2014 STATEMENT OF TAXES RAISED

GRAND LIST:	Grand List Values	Rate	2014 Assessed
Homestead Ed Tax - Local	845,888.96	0.4870	\$ 411,947.99
Homestead Ed Tax - MVU	845,888.96	0.4424	374,221.27
Homestead Ed Tax - Local supplemental	856,405.96	0.1006	86,154.44
Homestead Ed Tax - MVU supplemental	856,405.96	0.1633	139,851.09
Non-Residential Ed Tax	666,546.60	1.4368	957,694.12
Municipal	1,513,449.66	0.4240	641,702.38
Veteran's Exemption	1,513,449.66	0.0023	3,481.07
Article 11-Franklin County Sheriff	1,513,449.66	0.0037	5,599.77
Article 12-Town Hall	1,513,449.66	0.0067	10,140.29
Article 13-Dewing Rd Bridge	1,513,449.66	0.0199	30,117.67
Late Homestead Penalty			278.42
Original to be Billed			\$ 2,661,188.51
Net changes - HS-131, E&O & BCA			(9,691.86)
Adjusted Total to be Billed			\$ 2,651,496.65

Tax Area	Tax Rate	Actual 2014 Billed	Adjustments	Adjusted amount billed
Homestead Ed Tax-Local	0.5876	\$ 498,102.43	\$ 4,095.22	\$ 502,197.65
Homestead Ed Tax-MVU	0.6057	514,072.36	3,594.57	517,666.93
Non-Residential Ed Tax	1.4368	957,694.12	(16,017.44)	941,676.68
Municipal Tax	0.4240	641,702.38	(1,008.24)	640,694.14
Veteran's Exemption	0.0023	3,481.07	(5.49)	3,475.58
Article 11-Franklin County Sheriff	0.0037	5,599.77	(8.79)	5,590.98
Article 12-Town Hall	0.0067	10,140.29	(15.94)	10,124.35
Article 13-Dewing Rd Bridge	0.0199	30,117.67	(47.33)	30,070.34
Penalty assessed		278.42	(278.42)	0.00
Total		\$ 2,661,188.51	\$ (9,691.86)	\$ 2,651,496.65

TAXES COLLECTED/PAID BY TREASURER:

Homestead Education Tax-Local	\$ 387,490.31
Homestead Education Tax-MVU	351,995.01
Non-Residential Education Tax	956,386.00
Municipal	524,539.94
Veteran's Exemptions	3,475.58
Art 12-Town Hall	10,000.00
Art 13-Dewing Road Bridge	30,000.00
Franklin County Sheriff	5,500.00
Total Taxes Collected	\$ 2,269,386.84
State Education Portion of Tax Credit Direct to School	\$ 271,468.09
Unreconciled State Education Portion Tax Credit	13,745.67
To Tax Collector 2014	96,896.05
Total Taxes	\$ 2,651,496.65

DELINQUENT TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

<u>NAME</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2012-10</u>
Ashline, Jean	\$ 94.67	\$ 94.67		
Blass, Belinda	1,283.72	1,283.72		
Corey-Harrison, Amy	3,146.84	3,146.84		
Domina, Steven	263.90	263.90		
Elwood, Walter	1,149.48	1,149.48		
Forbes, Cynthia	1,522.30	1,522.30		
Fregeau, Craig & Jennifer	385.82	385.82		
Garrow, Stephanie	1,795.28	1,795.28		
Gaudette Steven	155.67	155.67		
Gervais, Simeon	347.82	347.82		
Goss, Jerome	5,015.05	2,548.51	2,466.54	
Gratton, Isaiah	1,602.73	1,602.73		
Greenia, Matthew & Dee	2,878.56	2,878.56		
Hopkins, Wendy	2,077.06	2,077.06		
Jenne, Lorraine	1,496.41	1,496.41		
Jerry, Robert & Kennethea	1,815.99	1,815.99		
Juran, Brian	395.20	395.20		
Kittell, Robert	1,516.62	1,516.62		
Knowles, Scott & Penny	3,427.83	1,741.93	1,685.90	
Langlois, Mark & Cheryl	297.42	297.42		
Larose, Ryan	400.46	400.46		
Laurie, Anne Sheldon	1,435.19	1,435.19		
Laurie, Jay	77.63	77.63		
Lyman, Geraldine	7.30	7.30		
McHugh, John & Alyson	263.02	263.02		
Meunier, James & Belinda Blass	2,287.71	2,287.71		
Mullen, Jennifer	425.53	425.53		
Rebello, Michael	251.62	251.62		
Richard, Shaun	387.72	387.72		
Riley, Chad & Amy	34.08	34.08		
Robtoy, AJ	329.80	64.37	65.97	199.46
Russin, Cecile	1,028.58	1,028.58		
Russin, Kevin	50.09	50.09		
Secretary US Dept	3,606.92	3,606.92		
Sweet, Donald & Linda	376.05	376.05		
Valigorsky, Francis	2,779.51	2,779.51		
Ward, Pheobe	1,223.13	1,223.13		
TOTAL DELINQUENT	<u>\$ 45,632.71</u>	<u>\$ 41,214.84</u>	<u>\$ 4,218.41</u>	<u>\$ 199.46</u>
Delinquent 12/31/2013	\$ 40,779.31	\$ -	\$ 40,255.27	\$ 524.04
To Tax Collector 10/15 & 12/4	96,896.05	96,896.05		
Collected by Tax Collector	(91,891.90)	(55,681.21)	(36,022.20)	(188.49)
Delinquent amount abated 2014	(150.75)		(14.66)	(136.09)
TOTAL DELINQUENT 12/31/14	<u>\$ 45,632.71</u>	<u>\$ 41,214.84</u>	<u>\$ 4,218.41</u>	<u>\$ 199.46</u>
INTEREST PD-GENERAL FUND	<u>\$ 3,606.62</u>	<u>\$ 1,185.41</u>	<u>\$ 2,411.47</u>	<u>\$ 9.74</u>

Respectfully submitted,
Johanna Crane-Godin

EQUIPMENT FUND

January 1, 2014

Beginning Balance - Money Market \$ 46,487.17

INCOME

Interest 29.23

TOTAL CASH/INCOME \$ 46,516.40

EXPENSES

Borrowed funds \$ 45,000.00

June 30, 2014

Ending Balance - Money Market 1,516.40

TOTAL CASH/EXPENSES \$ 46,516.40

RECREATION DEPARTMENT

January 1, 2014

Beginning Balance \$ 1,839.12

INCOME

Recreation funds -

TOTAL CASH/INCOME \$ 1,839.12

EXPENSES

Total Expenses -

December 31, 2014

Ending Balance \$ 1,839.12

TOTAL CASH/EXPENSES \$ 1,839.12

History: these funds had been operated by an independent group. In 2013 funds were turned over to the town and programs are run by the school personnel.

DOG LICENSES

Sex	#	Rate	Fees	State	Kennel	Late Fees	Total
Spayed	110	\$ 8.00	\$ 880.00	\$ 440.00		\$ 52.00	\$ 1,372.00
Neutered	121	8.00	968.00	484.00		68.00	1,520.00
Male	49	12.00	588.00	196.00		40.00	824.00
Female	39	12.00	468.00	156.00		36.00	660.00
Totals	319		\$ 2,904.00	\$ 1,276.00		\$ 196.00	\$ 4,376.00

2014 Dog License Rates

Town	State	Total	
\$8.00	\$4.00	\$12.00	Neutered/Spayed
\$12.00	\$4.00	\$16.00	Unaltered

Respectfully submitted,
Lisa A. Larivee, Treasurer

TREASURER'S REPORT
MUNICIPAL FUND

<u>January 1, 2014</u>	<u>General</u>	<u>Highway</u>	<u>Weed Harvester</u>	<u>Combined</u>
<u>CASH</u>				
Checking Account	\$ 81,142.28	\$ 32,886.61	\$ 1,953.74	\$ 115,982.63
Cash on Hand-adjustment	(0.30)	-	-	(0.30)
TOTAL CASH	\$ 81,141.98	\$ 32,886.61	\$ 1,953.74	\$ 115,982.33
<u>INCOME</u>				
2014 Property Taxes		\$ 7,813.68		\$ 7,813.68
2013 Ed Reconciliation		29,490.70		29,490.70
Delinquent Taxes	21,703.56			21,703.56
Interest on Delinquent Taxes	1,425.28			1,425.28
8% Penalty	1,739.09			1,739.09
Borrowed Funds-Equipment Fund		45,000.00		45,000.00
State of Vermont:				
Listers Education	392.68			392.68
Hold Harmless/Current Use				-
PILOT				-
Parks and Recreation				-
Reappraisal				-
Parcel Maintenance	9,177.00			9,177.00
Aid to Highways		51,536.00		51,536.00
Dog licences-State	116.00			116.00
SWIP Grant	1,000.00			1,000.00
Computerization Fees	517.00			517.00
Permits	1,495.00	425.00		1,920.00
Fees	4,847.65			4,847.65
Surcharge Restoration	1,551.00			1,551.00
Dog Licenses	2,970.00			2,970.00
Liquor Licenses	140.00			140.00
Interest Income	16.87			16.87
Town Hall Rental	790.00			790.00
Other Income/Clock funds	3,639.30	6,996.25	-	10,635.55
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 51,520.43	\$ 141,261.63	\$ -	\$ 192,782.06
TOTAL CASH/INCOME	\$ 132,662.41	\$ 174,148.24	\$ 1,953.74	\$ 308,764.39
<u>EXPENSES</u>				
2014 Selectboard Orders Paid	\$ 91,637.49	\$ 168,890.26	\$ 257.82	\$ 260,785.57
<u>June 30, 2014</u>				
TOTAL CASH - Checking Account	<u>41,024.92</u>	<u>5,257.98</u>	<u>1,695.92</u>	<u>47,978.82</u>
TOTAL CASH/EXPENSES	<u>\$ 132,662.41</u>	<u>\$ 174,148.24</u>	<u>\$ 1,953.74</u>	<u>\$ 308,764.39</u>

Respectfully submitted,
Lisa A. Larivee, Treasurer

BUDGET NARRATIVE – JULY 2015 to JUNE 2016

GENERAL:

Salaries: Reflects salary increase of 2% for Clerk/Treasurer; 2% for Assistant Clerk/Treasurer. Stipends for Selectboard, Animal Control Officer, Constable, Health Officer, Janitor and Zoning Administrator; minimum wage increase to \$9.15 for Auditors and Listers.

Health Insurance: Reflects increase in premium rates of 9%, (mostly paid by school for fiscal services).

Ambulance: Contract with Enosburgh Ambulance for emergency services on a per capita basis of \$39,340 (\$28 x 1,405 residents) reduced by \$9,196 of funds on reserve from Franklin Rescue Service.

Office/Library Building: external monitoring of fire alarm system, heat, electricity, plus other general expenses.

Haston Library: level funded from FY15.

Miscellaneous: Generator maintenance/inspection \$300, tax map updates \$600, listers software fees, advertising postings, plus other miscellaneous expenses.

Tax Assessments: Includes \$12,838 for the Franklin County Court Assessment plus the following items which have been approved by the voters in each of the past 3 years: Franklin County Industrial Development Corp \$300; Franklin County Home Health \$3,234; The Family Center of NW Vermont \$800; NW Unit for Special Investigations \$1,000; Voices Against Violence \$1,500; Franklin Alumni Association \$500; Northwest Counseling \$2,300; Foster Grandparents Programs \$200; C.V. Agency on Aging \$1,600. These assessments total \$24,272 and are included in this year's budget.

Town Hall: Utilities and operating expenses.

Building Maintenance: \$2,500 for office/library; pillar repair, window painting in/out and facias'. \$4,500 for town hall grant match of repairs to roof, foundation, drainage.

HIGHWAY:

Health Insurance: Reflects increase in premium rates of 9%.

New Blacktop/Resurfacing: Homestead Drive; finish Morses Line Road towards Highgate; Dewing Road and Riley Road may be offset by any VTrans paving grants that may be awarded.

Gravel: Reduction in budget - road bases are in good shape and will continue to be maintained

Chloride: \$4,600 per 4,500 gallon load for 4 loads

Equipment Fund: \$10,000 to fund for future purchase of a plow truck.

Repair & Maintenance: Regular repairs and maintenance, as needed.

Salt/Sand: Increase in budget due to salt prices rising from \$62/ton to \$78/ton.

Shop and Tools: Electric, heating, telephone, septic pumps, supplies, miscellaneous tools.

Signs: Continuing to comply with 2009 changes to the Federal and State MUTCD regulations for signage, in addition to, replacing and repairing street signs.

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	<u>Jan-June 2014 Budget</u>	<u>Jan-June 2014 Actual</u>	<u>July-June FY15</u>	<u>FY15 Anticipated</u>	<u>Variance</u>	<u>FY16 Budget</u>
<u>CASH/INCOME</u>						
<u>GENERAL</u>						
Checking A/C & cash on hand	\$ 81,142.28	\$ 81,141.98	\$ 41,024.92	\$ 7,736.87	\$ (33,288.05)	\$ 97,991.59
2014 Voted Taxes Art 11-Sheriff	528.00		4,972.00	5,500.00	528.00	
2014 Voted Taxes Art 12-Town Hall			10,000.00	10,000.00		
2014 Voted Taxes	35,265.93		184,049.97	106,890.75	(77,159.22)	
2014 Anticipated Ed. Reconciliation				13,745.00	13,745.00	
Delinquent Taxes		21,703.56		99,183.82	99,183.82	
Interest on Delinquent Taxes	500.00	1,425.28	1,300.00	2,243.04	943.04	2,200.00
Delinquent Tax Collector 8% fee	1,500.00	1,739.09	6,200.00	8,414.72	2,214.72	6,200.00
St. of VT-35% Hold Harmless			10,000.00	15,310.00	5,310.00	12,000.00
St. of Vermont - Various		10,685.68	18,000.00	24,701.22	6,701.22	20,000.00
Permits	600.00	1,495.00	1,500.00	1,815.00	315.00	2,000.00
Other Income	200.00	3,639.30	1,200.00	5,546.47	4,346.47	1,000.00
Town Hall rental	600.00	790.00	1,600.00	1,680.00	80.00	1,500.00
Dog/Liquor Licenses	2,500.00	3,110.00	2,500.00	2,530.00	30.00	2,800.00
Fees	5,300.00	4,847.65	10,500.00	9,600.45	(899.55)	9,200.00
Interest Income	100.00	16.87	500.00	651.55	151.55	500.00
Computerization	600.00	517.00	1,200.00	775.00	(425.00)	800.00
Surcharge Restoration	1,500.00	1,551.00	3,000.00	2,425.00	(575.00)	2,400.00
<u>HIGHWAY</u>						
Checking Account	\$ 32,886.61	\$ 32,886.61	\$ 5,257.98	\$ 5,257.98	\$ -	\$ 144,700.10
Voted Taxes	93,868.28	7,813.68	321,752.41	407,807.01	86,054.60	
2013 Anticipated Ed. Reconciliation	20,000.00	29,490.70				
2014 Voted Taxes Art 13-Dewey Bridge			30,000.00	30,000.00		
State Aid to Highways	48,000.00	51,536.00	96,000.00	102,478.73	6,478.73	98,000.00
St. of VT-65% of Hold Harmless			22,000.00	28,434.00	6,434.00	25,000.00
FEMA Storm Funds				5,023.24	5,023.24	
Better Back Roads Grant				4,108.00	4,108.00	
Dewey Bridge Structure Grant				175,000.00	175,000.00	
Other Income	500.00	7,421.25	1,000.00	8,341.55	7,341.55	6,000.00
<u>WEED HARVESTER</u>						
Checking Account	\$ 1,953.74	\$ 1,953.74	\$ 1,695.92	\$ 1,695.92	\$ -	\$ 9,048.64
Voted Taxes			5,504.08	5,504.08		
State of Vermont				4,690.00	4,690.00	4,600.00
Other Income			500.00	1,638.90	1,138.90	1,500.00
TOTAL CASH/INCOME	\$ 327,544.84	\$ 263,764.39	\$ 781,257.28	\$ 1,098,728.30	\$ 317,471.02	\$ 447,440.33

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	<u>Jan-June 2014 Budget</u>	<u>Jan-June 2014 Actual</u>	<u>July-June FY15</u>	<u>FY15 Anticipated</u>	<u>Variance</u>	<u>FY16 Budget</u>
<u>LIABILITIES/RESERVES</u>						
St. of Vt. Act 60 Reappraisal	\$ 8,245.00	\$ -	\$ 16,456.00	\$ -	\$ 16,456.00	\$ 24,656.00
Surcharge Restoration	19,314.97		20,865.97	2,914.71	17,951.26	20,376.26
State Listers Education	1,722.48	250.00	1,865.16		1,865.16	2,257.00
SWIP Grant	615.39		615.39	615.39		
Computerization funds	10,324.00		10,841.00		10,841.00	11,616.00
Clock Repair fund	125.00		125.00	167.96	(42.96)	
Franklin Rescue Service	44,196.41		44,196.41	10,000.00	34,196.41	34,196.41
Dewing Bridge Project	15,000.00	15,000.00				
Borrowed funds			45,000.00	45,000.00		
Dog licenses-State			116.00	116.00		10,000.00
Town Hall Art 12						
TOTAL LIABILITIES/RESERVES	\$ 99,543.25	\$ 15,250.00	\$ 140,080.93	\$ 58,814.06	\$ 81,266.87	\$ 103,101.67
NET CASH-INC-LIAB-RES	\$ 228,001.59	\$ 248,514.39	\$ 641,176.35	\$ 1,039,914.24	\$ 398,737.89	\$ 344,338.66

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	<u>Jan-June 2014 Budget</u>	<u>Jan-June 2014 Actual</u>	<u>July-June FY15</u>	<u>FY15 Anticipated</u>	<u>Variance</u>	<u>FY16 Budget</u>
EXPENSES						
GENERAL						
Salaries	\$ 26,673.00	\$ 23,942.25	\$ 58,056.00	\$ 58,029.53	\$ 26.47	\$ 59,702.00
FICA/Medicare/Pension	3,363.00	3,136.61	7,038.00	7,496.37	(458.37)	7,212.00
Health Insurance	3,175.00		14,121.00	11,319.04	2,801.96	7,586.00
Ambulance Services	12,795.00	13,663.68	32,465.00	32,465.40	(0.40)	39,340.00
Delinquent Tax Collector 8% fee	1,500.00	1,739.09	6,200.00	8,414.72	(2,214.72)	6,200.00
Emergency Dispatch			12,153.00	12,153.25	(0.25)	12,336.00
Fire Department			16,000.00	16,000.00		16,000.00
Haslon Library	12,200.00	12,200.00	40,300.00	40,300.00		40,300.00
Insurance	7,366.00	9,246.50	15,101.00	16,170.50	(1,069.50)	13,676.00
Legal Fees	2,000.00	5,953.82	6,000.00	2,409.95	3,590.05	3,000.00
Meetings	600.00	836.53	2,000.00	2,153.38	(153.38)	2,000.00
Mileage Reimbursement	100.00	178.08	500.00	266.80	233.20	400.00
Miscellaneous	700.00	1,157.53	3,400.00	11,246.59	(7,846.59)	3,400.00
Office Expense	4,040.00	4,759.13	11,600.00	11,336.46	263.54	12,300.00
Office/Library Building	6,000.00	4,723.91	8,000.00	12,257.51	(4,257.51)	7,200.00
Planning Commission	360.00	689.18	1,925.00	1,809.00	116.00	2,035.00
Solid Waste	150.00	287.90	400.00	359.00	41.00	2,119.00
Street Lights - LED	4,310.00	2,776.82	4,400.00	6,262.50	(1,862.50)	4,500.00
Tax Assessments		500.00	23,203.00	22,703.37	499.63	24,272.00
Town Hall	3,500.00	4,027.21	5,500.00	5,728.68	(228.68)	5,550.00
Building Maintenance						7,000.00
Watershed Comm.			1,000.00	1,000.00		
Art 11 Sherrif Patrol		528.00	4,972.00	4,972.00		5,500.00
Borrowed Funds Expense	528.00		500.00		500.00	500.00
Art 12-Town Hall			10,000.00		10,000.00	
Water District		1,041.25		4,457.23	(4,457.23)	
TOTAL GENERAL	\$ 89,360.00	\$ 91,387.49	\$ 284,834.00	\$ 289,311.28	\$ (4,477.28)	\$ 282,128.00

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<u>EXPENSES</u>	<u>Jan-June</u>	<u>Jan-June</u>	<u>July-June</u>	<u>FY15</u>	<u>Anticipated</u>	<u>Variance</u>	<u>FY16</u>
<u>HIGHWAY</u>	<u>2014 Budget</u>	<u>2014 Actual</u>	<u>FY15</u>	<u>FY15</u>	<u>FY15</u>	<u>FY16</u>	<u>Budget</u>
Salaries	\$ 41,147.00	\$ 43,197.94	\$ 86,013.00	\$ 84,848.64	\$ 1,164.36	\$ 85,777.00	
FICA/Medicare/Pension	5,205.00	5,464.50	10,856.00	10,658.64	197.36	10,801.00	
Health Insurance	16,596.00	10,575.00	33,473.00	33,188.85	284.15	35,977.00	
Uniforms	1,000.00	922.50	2,000.00	2,292.07	(292.07)	2,566.00	
Chloride	5,000.00	4,294.00	15,000.00	17,764.25	(2,764.25)	18,000.00	
Culverts			2,000.00	1,964.00	36.00	2,000.00	
Dewing Road Bridge-Vtrans Grant		7,767.35	4,846.00	175,654.82	(175,654.82)	10,000.00	
Equipment Fund		1,272.14	11,000.00	5,220.00	5,780.00	5,000.00	
Equipment Rental	13,500.00	15,192.58	25,000.00	21,792.35	3,207.65	22,000.00	
Gas & Fuel	10,000.00	10,165.13	45,000.00	32,441.84	12,558.16	30,000.00	
Gravel	7,090.00	7,090.00	14,535.00	16,018.25	(1,483.25)	17,857.00	
Insurance	20,153.59	20,153.59	1,300.00	1,332.75	(32.75)	1,000.00	
Lease/Own - 2010 Intl. Truck	600.00	949.20	2,000.00	2,609.18	(609.18)	2,500.00	
Mileage Reimbursement	750.00	2,030.70	100,000.00	80,034.74	19,965.26	125,000.00	
Miscellaneous			15,000.00	14,965.69	34.31	15,000.00	
New Blacktop/Resurfacing	10,000.00	10,924.10	9,500.00	14,210.23	(4,710.23)	14,000.00	
Repair & Maintenance	3,000.00	5,540.44	8,000.00	8,146.40	(146.40)	8,000.00	
Sand/Salt	4,000.00	8,155.77	2,500.00	1,439.07	1,060.93	1,500.00	
Shop & Tools		195.32	22,721.46	22,721.46		22,721.00	
Road Sign Maintenance			30,000.00	4,335.25	(4,335.25)		
Art 14 Sand Shed				30,000.00			
Better Back Roads Grant							
Dewing Bridge Art 13							
TOTAL HIGHWAY	\$ 138,041.59	\$ 153,890.26	\$ 440,744.46	\$ 586,484.48	\$ (145,740.02)	\$ 429,699.00	
WEED HARVESTER							
TOTAL WEED HARVESTER	\$ 600.00	\$ 257.82	\$ 7,700.00	\$ 4,480.26	\$ 3,219.74	\$ 7,700.00	
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 228,001.59	\$ 245,535.57	\$ 733,278.46	\$ 880,276.02	\$ (146,997.56)	\$ 719,527.00	
TO BE RAISED BY TAXES:	\$ 375,188.00						
SUGGESTED TAX RATE:	\$ 0.2483						

SELECTBOARD'S ORDERS

GENERAL FUND

January - June 2014 actuals

SALARIES:

Selectboard:

Peter Magnant	-
Yvon Dandurand	-
Andrew Godin	-
Brooks Sturtevant	-
Edmund Rainville	-

Town Clerk/Treasurer:

Lisa A Larivee-town	\$ 16,823.00
Lisa A Larivee-school reimbursed	(2,000.00)

Assistant:

Sara J. Rainville	6,663.86
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Auditors:

Carole Richard	602.37
Michelle Guilmette	419.04
Jean Richard	501.98

Animal Control Officer:

Dennis Demar	500.00
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Janitorial:

Maureen Sodaro	432.00
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Total Salaries		\$ 23,942.25
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FICA/MEDICARE:

Community National-EFTPS	\$ 2,062.19
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EMPLOYEE PENSION:

Orchard Trust Co.	\$ 1,074.42
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HEALTH INSURANCE:

Blue Cross Blue Shield	\$ 5,973.90
Blue Cross Blue Shield *Reimbursed by School	(5,973.90)
Health Reimbursement Acct.	1,000.00
Health Reimbursement Acct. *Reimbursed by School	(1,000.00)

Total Health Insurance		\$ -
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EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES:

Enosburgh Ambulance	\$ 13,663.68
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FIRE DEPARTMENT:

Franklin Fire Department	\$ -
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HASTON LIBRARY:

Haston Library \$ 12,200.00

INSURANCE:

Vermont League of Cities & Towns Property & Casualty \$ 9,246.50

LEGAL FEES:

Stitzel, Page & Fletcher \$ 5,953.82

MEETINGS/ELECTIONS:

Dorothy G. Lothian	\$	100.00	
Monique Rainville		100.00	
Sara Rainville- Selectboard Secretary		60.78	
Lisa Larivee - Selectboard Secretary		236.25	
Franklin Hot Lunch Program		13.50	
Vermont League of Cities & Towns		326.00	
Total Meetings/Elections			\$ 836.53

MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT:

Yvon Dandurand	\$	67.20	
Brooks Sturtevant		89.60	
Lisa Larivee		21.28	
Total Mileage Reimbursement			\$ 178.08

MISCELLANEOUS:

VT Department of Taxes- listers software	\$	238.81	
Lisa Larivee - reimbursement		59.00	
Franklin County Humane Society		500.00	
Kimberly Gates Maynard - reimbursement		40.26	
Dana Stetson-school generator		180.00	
Susan Clark - reimbursement		30.96	
St. Albans Messenger		108.50	
Total Miscellaneous			\$ 1,157.53

OFFICE EXPENSE:

FIA Card Services	\$	528.96	
NEMRC - computer services		630.06	
AffiliatedComputerService		145.55	
St. Albans Messenger		397.92	
SymQuest Group Inc.		690.00	
U.S. Postal Service		713.44	
Vermont Department of Health		2.00	
Vermont Offender Work Program - Town Report		833.50	
W. B. Mason		87.43	
Total Office Expense			\$ 4,028.86

TELEPHONE:

Franklin Telephone Co., Inc. \$ 730.27

OFFICE/LIBRARY BUILDING:

Bertrand Electric	\$	559.00	
D & M Fire & Safety Equipment		24.00	
FIA Card Services		41.48	
Green's Ace Hardware		20.82	
H. G. Berger & Son Inc		2,252.44	
Summit Fire & Security		574.25	
Damian Blouin		160.00	
Vermont Electric Cooperative		1,091.92	
Total Office/Library Building			\$ 4,723.91

PLANNING COMMISSION:

Maureen Sodaro - Secretary	\$	210.00	
Clark Hubbard - reimbursement		45.94	
FIA Card Services		399.99	
St. Albans Messenger		33.25	
Total Planning Commission			\$ 689.18

SHERIFF PATROL:

Franklin County Sheriff Department \$ 528.00

SOLID WASTE:

Casella Waste Management \$ 287.90

STREET LIGHTS:

Vermont Electric Cooperative \$ 2,776.82

TAX ASSESSMENTS:

Franklin Alumni Association \$ 500.00

TOWN HALL:

D & M Fire & Safety Equipment	\$	16.00	
FIA Card Services		1.88	
Green's Ace Hardware		90.57	
H. G. Berger & Sons Inc		3,351.55	
Damian Blouin		80.00	
Vermont Electric Cooperative		400.21	
Mercy's Heating		87.00	
Total Town Hall			\$ 4,027.21

DELINQUENT TAX COLLECTOR:

Johanna Crane-Godin \$ 1,739.09

WATER DISTRICT:

Phelps Engineering \$ 1,041.25

LISTERS EDUCATION:

NEMRC \$ 250.00

TOTAL ORDERS - General Fund \$ 91,637.49

SUMMARY OF GENERAL FUND ORDERS

Salaries	\$ 23,942.25
FICA/Medicare	2,062.19
Employee Pension	1,074.42
Health Insurance	-
Emergency Dispatch	-
Ambulance Service	13,663.68
Fire Department	-
Haston Library	12,200.00
Insurance	9,246.50
Legal Fees	5,953.82
Meetings	836.53
Mileage Reimbursement	178.08
Miscellaneous	1,157.53
Office Expense	4,028.86
Telephone	730.27
Office/Library Building	4,723.91
Planning Commission	689.18
Sheriff Patrol	528.00
Solid Waste	287.90
Street Lights	2,776.82
Tax Assessments	500.00
Town Hall	4,027.21
Delinquent Tax Collector	1,739.09
Water District	1,041.25
Listers Education	250.00
Total Selectboard Orders-General Fund	\$ <u>91,637.49</u>

SELECTBOARD'S ORDERS
HIGHWAY FUND
January-June 2014 actuals

SALARIES:

Howard Vanselette, Road Foreman	\$ 22,646.15	
Roland Lontine	20,551.79	
Total Salaries		\$ 43,197.94

FICA/MEDICARE:

Community National/EFTPS		\$ 3,304.59
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EMPLOYEE PENSION:

Orchard Trust Bank		\$ 2,159.91
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HEALTH INSURANCE:

Health Reimbursement Acct.	\$ 2,000.00	
Howard Vanselette - vision reimbursement	220.00	
Blue Cross Blue Shield	8,355.00	
Total Health Insurance		\$ 10,575.00

UNIFORMS:

G & K Services	\$ 890.50	
St. Albans Coop Store	32.00	
Total Uniforms		\$ 922.50

CHLORIDE:

Gorman Brothers, Inc.		\$ 4,294.00
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EQUIPMENT FUND:

Kansas State Bank - final lease payment-truck #1		\$ 20,153.59
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EQUIPMENT RENTAL:

Rene J Fournier	\$ 600.00	
Franklin Rental	612.14	
Wright's Excavating Inc.	60.00	
Total Equipment Rental		\$ 1,272.14

GAS & FUEL:

H.G. Berger & Sons Inc.	\$ 15,107.81	
FIA Card Services	84.77	
Total Gas & Fuel		\$ 15,192.58

GRAVEL:

Leach Family, Inc.	\$ 2,780.00	
Shelburne Limestone Corporation	5,691.13	
Wright's Excavating Inc.	1,694.00	
Total Gravel		\$ 10,165.13

INSURANCE:

Vermont League of Cities & Towns Property & Casualty		\$ 7,090.00
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MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT:

Howard Vanselette	\$ 677.04	
Roland Lontine	272.16	
Total Mileage Reimbursement		\$ 949.20

MISCELLANEOUS:

Rodem	\$ 1,152.00	
GreenUp Vermont	100.00	
Green's Ace Hardware	200.54	
FIA Card Services	38.98	
Hull's Power Equipment	251.80	
Lakeside Plastics	228.40	
Diane Chaffee-reimbursement	58.98	
Total Miscellaneous		\$ 2,030.70

REPAIR & MAINTENANCE:

Bond Auto Parts	\$ 532.79	
Charlebois Truck Parts	775.03	
Clark's Truck Center	190.42	
Dana Stetson	2,490.00	
Fastenal	89.31	
Green's Ace Hardware	79.74	
Harvest Equipment	1,268.97	
JB International	202.40	
Lawyers Lawn Care	8.00	
McDermott's	120.41	
MiltonCAT	3,030.03	
NAPA Auto Parts	12.59	
Polsinello Fuels	894.14	
Rene J Fournier	147.15	
Rouse Tire Sales	797.94	
Scott Joyal Repair	100.29	
Sheldon Trucks	184.89	
Total Repair & Maintenance		\$ 10,924.10

SHOP & TOOLS:

Atco International	\$	108.75	
Bonds Auto Supply		74.08	
Bruce Wetherby Waste & Trash Removal		384.00	
Central Vermont Communications		132.00	
Charlebois Truck Parts		134.45	
Damian Blouin Heating		80.00	
D & M Fire & Safety Equipment		66.00	
Fastenal		37.10	
FIA Card Services		6.13	
Franklin Telephone Co., Inc.		255.37	
Green's Ace Hardware		74.62	
H.G. Berger & Sons Inc.		5,272.91	
Haun Welding Supplies		205.58	
Mercy Heating		212.50	
Needham Electric Supply		28.31	
Tools Plus Industries		73.42	
Tifco Industries		138.40	
Vermont Electric Cooperative		842.16	
W.B.Mason		29.99	
Total Shop & Tools	\$		8,155.77

SAND/SALT:

Cargill, Inc. Salt Division	\$		5,540.44
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ROAD SIGN MAINTENANCE:

Fastenal	\$	88.83	
Vermont Offender Work Program		106.49	
Total Road Sign Maintenance	\$		195.32

DEWING ROAD BRIDGE PROJECT:

Ruggiano Engineering	\$	927.75	
Munson Earth Moving Co		21,839.60	
Total Dewing Road Bridge Project	\$		22,767.35

TOTAL ORDERS - Highway Fund **\$ 168,890.26**

SUMMARY OF HIGHWAY FUND

Salaries	\$ 43,197.94
FICA/Medicare	3,304.59
Employee Pension	2,159.91
Health Insurance	10,575.00
Uniforms	922.50
Chloride	4,294.00
Equipment Fund	20,153.59
Equipment Rental	1,272.14
Gas & Fuel	15,192.58
Gravel	10,165.13
Insurance	7,090.00
Mileage Reimbursement	949.20
Miscellaneous	2,030.70
Repair & Maintenance	10,924.10
Sand/Salt	5,540.44
Shop & Tools	8,155.77
Road Sign Maintenance	195.32
Dewing Road Bridge Project	22,767.35
Total Selectboard Orders-Highway	<u>\$ 168,890.26</u>

SUMMARY OF WEED HARVESTER FUND

Bonds Auto Parts	\$ 20.72
Champlain Valley Equipment	171.88
Green's Ace Hardware	65.22
Total Selectboard Orders-Weed Harvester	<u>\$ 257.82</u>

Respectfully submitted,
Franklin Selectboard
Peter Magnant, Chair
Yvon Dandurand
Andrew Godin
Edmund Rainville
Brooks Sturtevant



Franklin Volunteer Fire Department

**P.O. Box 172
Franklin, VT 05457**

The Franklin Fire Department responded to 24 calls in 2014 as detailed below. This year we had the opportunity to apply for and receive a communication grant in the amount of \$15,786.00 through the Vermont Department of Public Safety which is aimed towards increasing communication for first responders. This grant allowed the department to purchase new radio/repeater equipment and relocate that equipment.

The department did receive a grant from the Safer Grant Program through Vermont League of Cities and Towns for road signs that say "Training scene ahead" on one side and "Emergency scene ahead" on the other side to give motorists notice that there is an incident or training ahead and to hopefully slow them down; our portion of this grant was 50% and we paid just under \$300.00.

Through our two major annual fundraising events the department was able to raise \$4,683.62 on the barbeque and \$8,979.15 on the breakfast, all of which goes directly into our general fund for day to day expenses.

In December, we applied for \$280,000.00 +/- in various federal grants to fund the purchases of a thermal imaging camera, helmets, interior firefighting gear, gear for fighting wild land fires, and a new tanker truck. Grant funds for a new tanker truck have been applied for in the past and were unsuccessful but we are trying again. The Fire Department has also asked the Selectboard to include an article on the warning for our truck proposal. As stated in last year's report our current truck needs replacing. We have spent over a year researching options for a new truck to meet our needs; members made numerous site visits to other departments to look at similar trucks. The cost of the truck we feel that meets our needs comes in at around \$225,000.00. The Fire Department has funds available that will reduce the cost to the Town to \$209,000.00, including interest as requested in the article on the warning, and to be further reduced by grant funds that may be received. Once the truck arrives, the Fire Department will cover any additional costs such as graphics and having our existing radio equipment transferred over.

The Fire Department continues to be an active group in the community and appreciates all of your support.

*Respectfully submitted,
Justin Rainville, Chief*

Type of Call	Count	Member Responses
Motor Vehicle Accidents	8	35
Wildland Fire	5	29
Structure Fire	4	31
False Alarm -Investigate Only	2	20
Alarm Activation	1	5
Chimney fire	1	9
Med Assist	1	3
Propane Leak	1	4
Smoke in Building	1	10
Total	24	146



Franklin Volunteer Fire Department

**P.O. Box 172
Franklin, VT 05457**

Member	Years
Patrick Allain	18
Brian Barnum, Deputy Chief	45
Philip Bouchard	45
Greg Bouchard	5
Scott Choiniere	22
Howard Deuso, Deputy Chief	18
Eric Gerrard	2
Clark Hubbard	12
Adam Kane	4
Keeseey Jarring, <i>new member</i>	
Mike Lawyer, Assistant Chief	11
Hugh Gates, Honorary Member	37

Member	Years
Kyle Lothian, Deputy Chief	31
Timothy Magnant, Deputy Chief	36
Burt Maynard	25
Janet Norcross	11
Marshall Ploof, Deputy Chief	45
Mark Racine	25
Justin Rainville, Chief	16
Sara Rainville, Secretary/Treasurer	11
Brian Sartwell, Captain	21
Justin Sartwell	7
Mark Toof, Lieutenant/EMTB	2

Dates to remember:

March 8th, 2015 – Pancake Breakfast
July 4th, 2015 – Chicken BBQ

FRANKLIN FIRE DEPARTMENT TREASURER'S REPORT

January 1, 2014	<u>2014 Actual</u>	<u>2014 Budget</u>	<u>2015 Budget</u>
Checking account	\$ 27,190.53		
Equipment Reserve Fund	10,000.00		
Wright Trust-Money Market	<u>18,375.41</u>		
Cash Balance - January 1, 2014	\$ 55,565.94		
<u>INCOME</u>			
Interest Income	\$ 53.30		
Miscellaneous Income	4,676.57		
Public Safety Grant	15,786.00		
VLCT PACIF Equipment Grant	283.88		
Donation Income	7,730.00		
Memorial Income	1,805.00		
Town Appropriated Funds	16,000.00		
BBQ Income-FFD	9,742.60		
Pancake Breakfast	<u>17,505.65</u>		
Total Income	\$ 73,583.00		
Total Cash/Income	\$ 129,148.94		
<u>EXPENSES</u>			
Truck Expense	\$ 2,362.02	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00
Fuel - equipment	69.44	200.00	200.00
Training	671.38	750.00	750.00
Fire Prevention/Education	219.50	250.00	250.00
Insurance	4,821.00	5,000.00	5,300.00
Office Expense	1,007.48	1,000.00	1,500.00
Radio expense	20,021.94	2,500.00	2,500.00
Postage Expense	73.59	100.00	50.00
Utilities	1,366.88	1,500.00	1,400.00
Uniform/Gear Expense	5,632.92	5,000.00	5,000.00
Equipment Purchases	594.59	5,000.00	3,000.00
Equipment Repairs	1,118.13	1,500.00	1,500.00
Memberships/Dues	559.00	600.00	600.00
Water Rent	200.00	200.00	200.00
Donation	534.67	500.00	500.00
Heating Fuel	3,398.67	3,000.00	3,500.00
Furnace Repairs		100.00	
Reimb. expenses	1,128.70		
Miscellaneous	1,928.24	1,500.00	2,000.00
Pancake Breakfast	8,526.50		
BBQ Expense	5,058.98		
Building Maintainance	71.70	250.00	100.00
Vending machine	79.52	200.00	100.00
County Meeting	46.50	100.00	100.00
To Equipment Fund	<u>3,500.00</u>		
Total Expenses	\$ 62,991.35	\$ 31,750.00	31,050.00
Checking Account	34,249.54		
Equipment Reserve Fund	13,500.00		
Wright Trust-Money Market	<u>18,408.05</u>		
Cash Balance December 31,2013	\$ 66,157.59		
Total Cash/Expenses	\$ 129,148.94		

*Respectfully submitted,
Sara Rainville*

FRANKLIN RESCUE SERVICE

Enosburg Ambulance, Franklin's contracted transport service, responded to 104 calls in 2014. Please don't hesitate to call 911 if you have a medical emergency as definitive emergent care can be the difference between life and death. Enosburg Ambulance offers subscription service; if you have not paid your 2015 Enosburg Ambulance subscription, we urge you to do so. If you need a copy of their subscription letter or have questions, please contact Dean Scott, EAS Director at 933-2118.

In 2014, Mark Toof attained his EMT certification and joined our fast squad and Enosburg Ambulance. Congratulations Mark. Enosburg Ambulance provides Worker's Compensation insurance, uniforms and supplies for those members who are active with their service.

We continue to meet periodically with area services to discuss a regional ambulance service. The concept has not gained much traction and not all area towns are onboard with the idea. Without every town agreeing to the proposed structure of a regional service, it will not move forward and small surrounding towns like Franklin will continue looking to larger squads for their emergency ambulance services.

Thank you for your years of support to our local service.

Respectfully submitted,
Members of Franklin Rescue (Certifications as 12/31/14)
Polly Gadbois, EMR (26), John Burley, EMT (10), Mark Toof, EMT (1)

FRANKLIN RESCUE SERVICE TREASURER'S REPORT

INCOME	2013 Actual	2014 Actual
Donation Income	\$ 18,356.00	\$ -
Interest Income	<u>132.07</u>	<u>2.95</u>
TOTAL INCOME	<u>\$ 18,488.07</u>	<u>\$ 2.95</u>
EXPENSES		
Donations	\$ 50,375.40	\$ 4,953.70
Insurance Expense	1,219.50	-
Medical Supplies/Equipment	507.24	419.82
Radio Maintenance/Equipment	2,083.23	125.03
Utilities	385.28	-
Miscellaneous (Dues, Prof fees, other)	1,393.89	858.99
Other Expenses	<u>-</u>	<u>146.00</u>
TOTAL EXPENSES	<u>\$ 55,964.54</u>	<u>\$ 6,503.54</u>
NET INCOME/LOSS	<u>\$ (37,476.47)</u>	<u>\$ (6,500.59)</u>
BALANCE SHEET		
Cash Balance-January 1, 2014		
Equity, January 1, 2014		\$ 6,500.59
Change in Equity at December 31, 2014		<u>(6,500.59)</u>
Cash Balance-December 31, 2014		<u>\$ -</u>

Respectfully submitted,
Polly Gadbois, Treasurer

2014 VITAL STATISTICS

As a recommendation by the Department of Health, vital statistics are no longer automatically published in the Town Report. The following list is provided as a result of a release form signed authorizing the Town Clerk's Office to publish such records. If you would like vital statistic information published in the town report next year, you must come to the Town Clerk's Office to sign the necessary request/release form.

Births

Unlisted: 3 Female; 6 Male

Deaths

Andrew C. Choiniere
Albert R. Richard
Geraldine Wright

Unlisted: 1 Male

Marriages

Andrew Crane Godin to Stacie Lynn Kittell
Cecil St. Claire King to Jacqueline Choiniere-Luce

Unlisted: 3

VEHICLE REGISTRATION RENEWALS

The Town Clerk's Office will process preprinted computer generated "Vehicle Registration Renewals". Only current and up to two month's expiration date renewals will be accepted. There will be a separate \$3.00 processing fee.

ANNUAL REPORT

for the

FRANKLIN TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT

2014 Fiscal Year
July 1, 2013 - June 30, 2014

Franklin Central School's Mission Statement

The mission of the Franklin Central School is to educate our children to become self-reliant and socially responsible individuals. They will respect themselves, their community, and the world around them. Ultimately, they will develop the skills and confidence to become life-long learners.

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REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

I am pleased to serve as the new superintendent of schools in the Franklin Northwest Supervisory Union. (FNWSU). I replaced the former superintendent, John (Jack) McCarthy, who had been in this role for the past 15 years. We extend our appreciation to Jack for his dedication and support for education in the Franklin, Highgate, Missisquoi Valley Union, Sheldon, and Swanton Schools.

The Franklin Northwest SU educates 2,224 PreK-12 students in five schools. FNWSU is one of 46 supervisory unions, required by Vermont law to provide efficient management services and additional resources to multiple schools and school boards within its boundaries. The role of the FNWSU is to:

- Establish and follow a supervisory union-wide curriculum,
- Receive and disburse federal and state funds,
- Provide professional development programs for teachers, administrators, and staff,
- Manage special education services on behalf of its member districts,
- Provide efficient financial, human resources, construction, transportation, and student data management services,
- Negotiate teacher and support staff contracts,
- Support school boards to develop and adopt school budgets and to oversee school operations,
- Establish a policy and procedure development process for the SU and all schools,
- Oversee Indian Education, Early Education, After-School, and Bookmobile programs,
- Work with other supervisory unions to efficiently manage services or perform duties.

FNWSU Goals:

1. Educational Programming: Create an environment where students are engaged in their learning activities, work toward excellence, and are supported to reach their greatest potential.
2. School Board Productivity: School Board members will avail themselves of trainings provided by the Vermont School Boards Association and other organizations to ensure effective practices are carried out.
3. Communication Practices: Continue to build relationships and develop partnerships between schools, families, and the greater community.
4. School Environment: Ensure a safe and healthy learning environment where all students and staff are expected to demonstrate self-discipline, responsibility, compassion, and mutual respect.
5. Collaborative Relationships: Work as collaborative partners to hire, evaluate, and facilitate the work of the Superintendent.
6. Strategic Planning: Develop a strategic plan that provides direction for school and SU programs.

Supervisory Union Priorities for FY2015 include:

1. Right-size school staffing so that maximum resources are allocated for student learning,
2. Moving the management of special education professionals to the FNWSU office,
3. Develop and implement strategic plans in all schools and the SU,
4. Clarify the roles, responsibilities, and relationships of school boards and administrators,
5. Review and update school board policies and administrative procedures,
6. Work with emergency responders to update all school crisis plans,
7. Transition to operating paperless board meetings.

The reports that follow will provide taxpayers with a deeper understanding about the type and quality of work that is underway at the Franklin Northwest SU.

Curriculum
Libby Bonesteel

Since the state of Vermont adopted the Common Core State Standards (CCSS) in 2010, FNWSU has been on a journey toward shifting our curriculum and instruction to meet these different expectations. This past year marked an important milestone in that journey. Literacy and math leaders from each of our four elementary schools spent a considerable amount of time and energy digging into the standards. Our sessions together were filled with fantastic conversations concerning clarity of each standard, real-world applications, rigor of assessments, and, most importantly, what is it that we guarantee all students will learn in FNWSU. As a result,

by June of 2014 we developed a coherent curriculum map based on Common Core reading, writing, and math standards. These documents are readily available to the public via our website www.fnwsu.org

The 2013-2014 school year also marked a time where district leaders worked through visioning exercises about our future direction and how we get there. Through much conversation we began to refine data-driven first instruction and the structures needed for this to become a reality in our system. Our schools are now making a shift from each teacher being isolated in a classroom, to collaborative decision making about how best to reach all students. It is truly exciting work and our students and teachers are benefitting tremendously from our collective knowledge and problem solving approach.

Special Education

Linda Chaim

Special Education supports student's achievement in the classroom environment and is governed by both federal and state rules and regulations. Special Education programs and services are designed to meet the needs of individual children; and are created by a team of educators, consultants, and each child's parents.

A comprehensive evaluation is designed to determine the student's strengths and weakness and the team considers eligibility with this information. The team asks questions (a) is there a disability as defined by Vermont regulations (b) is there an adverse effect of this disability impacting education (c) is there a need for special education? If the answer is yes for all three questions, the team may then draft an Individualized Educational Plan (IEP) to address the student's needs and provide assistance so they can succeed in the regular educational environment.

After a student is evaluated and found eligible for a Free Appropriate Public Education (FAPE), services and supports can begin as early as three years of age, and continue through the student's 21st birthday.

Every effort is made in our schools for students to learn in the general educational environment with their same age peers. There are currently 375 students receiving special education services across our five school districts.

Franklin Northwest Supervisory Union employs professional staff to provide services and supports as required by IEPs. Currently these professionals include: psychologists, and occupational therapists. Heidi Mosher provides adaptive curriculum and technology supports. Julie Rivers, Medicaid clerk, processes all claims for reimbursement of allowable expenses from these IEP services. Medicaid funds go back into the schools regular educational programs and are tied to each school's action plan.

Indian Education

Jeff Benay

The FNWSU Title VII Indian Education Program continues to collaborate with area schools as we strive to provide equity of educational opportunity. In order to focus on all learners – both Abenaki and non-Abenaki – Indian Education provides a continuum of supports ranging from remediation to enrichment that encourage all area students to succeed. As the FNWSU brings together many cultures, Indian Education promotes cultural competencies that every child can take pride in and benefit from. Sue Day provides clerical support and helps identify students who could benefit from the services of this program.

Business Office

Becky Hart and Lora McAllister

The business manager and assistant business manager work directly with school boards and administrators to develop and manage all school and SU budgets. They, along with Treasurer, Diane Bellrose, collectively manage 35 million dollars in public funds, which include many state and federal grants. The elementary and MVU budgets, and the required state forms that compare our costs and staffing ratios to other similar schools, are included in this report.

As mandated by state law, all Special Education professional staff salaries and benefits have been transferred from all local schools to the FNWSU. Costs at the SU level are budgeted in the same manner as they are in the local Special Education budget; however instead of appearing in separate budget line items, salaries and benefits are now reflected within the FNWSU assessments to schools. All other Special Education expenses remain at the local level.

Human Resources

Pierrette Bouchard and Ryleigh Lashure

The Human Resource staff support the employment needs of 475 employees in the Supervisory Union. These services include:

- Provide background checks for all employees and volunteers,
- Administer health, dental, and long term disability insurances, and Section 125/flex plans,
- Advertise, prepare, and distribute employment ads,
- Ensure all teachers and professional staff meet state and federal licensing requirements,
- Prepare employment contracts for administrators, professional, and support staff,
- Implement new human resources/fiscal services software system.

Information Technology

George Raynak

FNWSU Information Technology continues to support and improve access to technology rich 21st century learning opportunities by providing students with creative online tools. Our goal is to integrate technology within a safe and secure learning environment and to provide students in grades 3 through 12 with access to their own school computer every day. FNWSU Information Technology is working to improve the reliability and security of our network and data systems in support of teaching and learning. In the spring of 2015 we will complete our SU-wide implementation of the new Tyler Technologies Infinite Visions, HR/financial accounting system. And finally FNWSU Information Technology is planning and preparing for the new SBAC online assessment this spring through technology readiness, staff training, and test administration. Judy Walls also performs data analysis and web site development for the SU.

Franklin/Grand Isle Bookmobile

Deb Grennon

The Franklin Grand Isle Bookmobile extends education by delivering enjoyable literary activities and useful information. Bookmobile programs for after-school, early education, childcare programs and families dovetail perfectly with school visions, missions and beliefs throughout the Franklin Northwest Supervisory Union. Schools endorse increased access to promote a lifelong love of learning. So a priority in 2015 is for each child patron of the Bookmobile to own three new books. A second priority in 2015 steers childcare providers toward achieving higher Step Ahead Recognition System (STARS) status by increasing literacy activities, interactions, and materials in child environments. The Bookmobile is widely recognized within the Franklin Northwest Supervisory Union and nationally for its efforts, which ultimately achieved a designation of National America's Promise Places; Reading is Fundamental: Program Excellence Honors; Linking Up for Literacy and America's 100 Best Communities for Young People. In 2014 the Bookmobile added to its prestigious list, the Northwest Access Television's Best Non Profit Show. In partnership with schools, the Bookmobile generates continuous growth, strong beliefs, active learning communities, and ultimately successful stories for lifelong learners.

After-School Program

Carol Lizotte

The Franklin Northwest Supervisory Union After-School and Summer Programs engaged 743 students last year, which is approximately 42% of all students attending the schools in Highgate, Franklin, Sheldon, and Swanton. This is an increase from 2013 (40%) and the prior year (37%). Students experience homework support, science, technology, math, arts, and literacy enrichment programs as well as recreational opportunities and fitness challenges. In all our programming, we work to incorporate social emotional learning, daily fitness opportunities, and positive attitudes about trying new activities. With the partial funding of the Vermont Agency of Education, 21st Century Community Learning Centers Program Grant, school budgets, other grants and fundraising, after-school programs continue under the guidance and oversight of the Vermont Agency of Education (AOE). The AOE requires the elements of high-quality programming to be met and reported annually.

Early Education Program

Michelle Spence

The Franklin County Early Childhood Program is a public school early education program serving children from birth to school age and their families in the Franklin Central and Franklin Northwest Supervisory Unions. The program's target emphasis is on three to five year old children who are developmentally at risk or developmentally delayed. We offer a 10 hour per week early learning opportunity for all four year olds in the towns of Franklin, Highgate, Sheldon and Swanton and are also serving many three year olds in 6-10 hour a week programs. We are currently serving 198 children in the FNWSU, mostly three to five year olds.

The program is operated with funds from a variety of federal, state, and local sources. The federal government provides funds to the State of Vermont, which is allocated to the local school district in the form of block and incentive grants. The State Legislature appropriates additional money for public schools each year, and some of these funds are designated for early childhood education services. The FNWSU combines the block grant and local share for early childhood education from each participating school district.

Taxpayers can access additional resources for all schools and SU programs by going to the FNWSU web site at www.fnswu.org or follow us on Facebook or Twitter.

Respectfully submitted,
Winton I. Goodrich
Superintendent of Schools

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

“The three great essentials to achieve anything worthwhile are hard work, stick-to-itiveness, and common sense” – Thomas Edison

Last year and continuing this year, a new initiative for our school was the implementation of Professional Learning Community (PLC) teams. PLC is composed of collaborative teams that work together to focus on learning and are committed to improving the learning of every student. Grades K-2 and 3-6 teams met after school to have a structured time to discuss student assessment, curriculum, instruction, and interventions. Many teachers mentioned work in PLC teams, when asked about accomplishments from last year, including the training that occurred in the summer and at in-service, the work accomplished in meetings including double scoring of student work, developing new rubrics for writing assessment and to guide instruction, and analyzing/assessing data to create class goals around student learning.

Another goal last year was to continue work on Digital Literacy to support the development of 21st century learning skills in all of our students. We are increasingly incorporating more technology into our classes and improving our digital reading, writing, and math skills. Monthly technology integration workshops, continued implementation of 1:1 computers in grades 3-6, more use of e-books, increasing typing skills, and a course on Technology in the Modern Classroom have helped us with this goal. We also began to prepare for the transition that Vermont will make this spring to the Smarter Balanced Assessment System (SBAC), a comprehensive computer assessment system for Language Arts/Literacy and mathematics that is aligned to the state standards which will be replacing NECAP for our statewide testing. As of this writing, we are still waiting for the new Digital Library resources that will also help us prepare for the new assessment.

Our staff participated in other activities to further their own education and to have a direct positive impact on students. The courses included online music composition and music assessment; summer work on Next Generations Science Standards; Reading Recovery training; Non-violent crisis intervention workshop; Writing workshop course; Laying the Foundations math course; among others. Other accomplishments included creating units using new math, reading, and writing curriculum; number of staff that participated in school wellness programs; positive effect of leveled classroom library on independent reading; RIF program; and 3rd grade typing club success. Student accomplishments also included more band students performed at higher proficiency; chorus students consistently sang at a very challenging level including sometimes 3 part singing; 7 band students and 3 chorus students chosen for district music festival; Modern Woodmen Speech Contest; Elk's Writing Competition; Dairy in the Classroom program in 1st grade; Four Winds Nature Program in 4 grades; all the extra time 6th grade students put in at recess time and all the great ideas they had for the senior dinner; students read 5 or more DCF (Dorothy Canfield Fisher) books to attend the DCF conference at VTC; spelling team went to state finals; Reading is an Investment poster contest winner and 2 scholarship winners; over 30 students involved in “The Wizard of Oz” production; 60 students in the ski program; and Annual Penny War for charity. Students learned a great deal from Fire Safety education from the Franklin Fire Dept., Historical Society presentation of “School Long Ago”; and trips to the Log Cabin. We can never thank all of the volunteers enough for what they do.

On the last year of the NECAP (New England Common Assessment Program) statewide testing, we were very pleased that results showed our students continuing to be above the supervisory union and state averages in each of the areas tested. In reading, 85% of Franklin students scored proficient or proficient with distinction (FNWSU 60%, state 70%). In math, 79% of Franklin students scored proficient/proficient with distinction (FNWSU 51%, state 62%). In writing (only tested in 5th grade), Franklin was 72% proficient/proficient with distinction (FNWSU 52%, state 53%). Results on the other statewide testing done last year, the NECAP Science testing (last May 2014, grade 4), were 74% of our students scoring proficient or proficient with distinction (FNWSU 20% and state 43%).

Parental and community support and involvement are critical factors in the success of our students and school. Thank you for making Franklin Central School such a special place!

Respectfully submitted
Joyce Hakey, Principal

SCHOOL BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S REPORT

2014 was another successful year for Franklin Central School. During the summer our energy efficient lighting was installed.

Thanks to our staff, our children continue to score well on our state wide testing. Staff and administration continue to challenge themselves and our children, creating a great learning atmosphere. We are currently negotiating a new contract with the teachers across the Supervisory Union.

In July, Winton Goodrich started as our new Superintendent. He has jumped right in with a lot of energy and enthusiasm. The board has been busy with more Supervisory Union monthly meetings. We had a combined Selectboard and Schoolboard meeting with our local representatives regarding school consolidation. We felt it was educational and we were able to give our thoughts and opinions.

We are continuing to work with the Selectboard on sharing some snow removal and lawn mowing equipment. We will be asking for a new lawn mower. With the amount of lawn to mow; we feel it is more than our tractor can handle efficiently. The board is looking at a zero-turn at this point.

We the board and administration continue to try to keep a responsible budget.

Respectfully submitted,
Franklin School Board of Directors
Timothy Magnant,
David Rood and
Robert Berger

FRANKLIN NORTHWEST SUPERVISORY UNION AFTER SCHOOL & SUMMER PROGRAMS

*Committed to enriching the lives of
Franklin, Highgate, Sheldon and Swanton students,
by providing fun, inspirational, educational, experiential
activities, opportunities and academic support.*



CROSSROADS
EXPLORERS



January 2015

Greetings Franklin Residents,

The Franklin Northwest Supervisory Union After School & Summer Programs have been awarded a 5 year 21st Century Community Learning Centers Program grant for 2014-2019.

The Vermont Agency of Education funds after school and summer programs in schools and communities throughout the state through a competitive grant process, the 21st Century Community Learning Centers (21C) Program. 21C grants are 3-5 five year grants with high expectations of program quality, academic connections, and student outcomes. Out of 16 grant applications that the Vermont Agency of Education office received for the 2014 grant application competition, FNWSU was one of the 10 programs awarded funding. FNWSU was awarded 20% of the total 21C funding available for new and returning applicants in 2014. This is a high achievement and reflects well on our Crossroads after school programs, that have been in operation since March 2006. Our Crossroads, Crossroads Explorers and MVU AfterHours after school programs join 148 programs in Vermont providing fun, engaging, hands on learning opportunities in a safe and supportive environment.

New research released in 2014 shows that Vermont has reached high standards and quality in after school program availability. The national Afterschool Alliance "America After 3pm" report ranks Vermont #4 in the nation for after school programming.

(http://www.afterschoolalliance.org/documents/AA3PM-2014/AA3PM_TOP_10.pdf)

Vermont 2014 research (<http://www.vermontafterschool.org/advocacy/know-the-facts/>) further reports that

- 24% of children in Vermont participate in an after school program
- 95% of parents report they are satisfied with their child's after school program
- 88% of parents support public funding for after school programs
- 81% of parents claim they gain peace of mind by having their children in an after school program
- 79% of parents agree that after school programs help working parents keep their jobs
- 62% of parents agree that after school programs can help excite children about learning
- 64% of parents agree that after school programs help children gain workforce skills, such as teamwork, leadership and critical thinking.
- 66% of parents agree that after school programs help reduce the likelihood that youth will engage in risky behaviors, such as commit a crime or use drugs, or become a teen parent.
- Every \$1 invested in Vermont after school and summer learning programs leads to a return on investment of \$2.18

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FNWSU After School Program Director
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The Franklin Northwest Supervisory Union After School & Summer Programs administration is pleased to report for all schools, we had 743 students attending programs last year, which is approximately 42% of all students attending the schools in Highgate, Franklin, Sheldon and Swanton (of students in grades with after school programming). This is an increase from last year (40%) and the prior year (37%). Students have choice from the homework support, science, technology, math, arts and literacy enrichment programs as well as recreational opportunities and fitness challenges. In all our programming, we work to incorporate social emotional learning, daily fitness opportunities and positive attitudes in trying new things. With the partial funding of the Vermont Agency of Education 21st Century Community Learning Centers Program Grant, school budgets, other grants and fundraising, these programs continue under the guidance and oversight of the Vermont Agency of Education which requires the elements of high-quality programming to be met and reported annually, which include:

- linkages to the school day
- high quality staff
- safe & appropriate environment
- high interest programming
- school leadership support
- regular attendees,
- instructional leadership
- flexible structures & student choice
- program leadership
- community partnerships

In Franklin, the Franklin Crossroads after school program is offered for grades 4 through 6. Franklin Crossroads provides free programming 24 weeks during the school year on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 3:00 to 5:00pm with bus transportation home available at 5:00pm. Last year we had an average of 33 students attending daily, with a total of 58 students registered for the school year, making it 84% of the school's 4th through 6th grade population participating. In the end of year reports sent to the Agency of Education (AOE) for last school year, it was reported that for our regular attendees (those who attended 30 days or more):



- 67% math NECAP scores improved or were maintained at upper proficiency level scores
- 87% reading NECAP scores improved or were maintained at upper proficiency level scores
- 38% had a decrease in the number of school days absent or remained at zero days absent

With our program goals of improving academic achievement and school day attendance, we are pleased that our Franklin student participants are showing these gains.

After school and summer programs are an investment in our communities now and for our future.

If you would like more information on the Franklin Crossroads After School Program, please contact me or Elsa Rood, our Franklin Crossroads Coordinator at the school (285-2100 or erood@fnwsu.org). You can also find more information on our FNWSU website www.afterschoolprograms.fnwsu.org.

At the Franklin Central School, the after school program does not receive funding support from the local school budget.

Thank you for your continued support,

Carol Lizotte

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**FRANKLIN NORTHWEST SUPERVISORY UNION
CENTRAL OFFICE BUDGET SUMMARY - FY2016**

	FY2014 Budget	FY2014 Actuals	FY2015 Budget	FY2015 Anticipated	FY2016 Budget	Franklin Share
Expenses:						
Administration Salaries	\$446,744	\$447,321	\$461,570	\$468,878	\$480,139	\$29,624
Support Staff Salaries	\$64,388	\$55,387	\$64,000	\$84,291	\$88,311	\$5,448
Insurance Benefits	\$85,629	\$95,339	\$123,836	\$104,556	\$118,947	\$7,338
Other Benefits	\$25,992	\$25,336	\$29,592	\$33,737	\$33,395	\$2,060
Payroll Expense	\$44,543	\$39,018	\$48,275	\$47,262	\$53,723	\$3,314
Purchased Prof. Services	\$39,600	\$46,593	\$63,750	\$34,800	\$37,600	\$2,320
Repair&Maintenance / Equipment Lease	\$5,250	\$6,457	\$5,500	\$6,760	\$7,250	\$447
Other Property Services	\$33,850	\$33,300	\$35,150	\$39,955	\$41,456	\$2,558
Office Expenses	\$11,000	\$9,286	\$11,000	\$11,000	\$11,000	\$680
Travel / Conference	\$10,250	\$13,243	\$10,250	\$11,001	\$10,250	\$632
Supplies	\$8,750	\$7,034	\$8,750	\$8,500	\$8,750	\$540
Equipment	\$10,000	\$8,227	\$25,000	\$31,310	\$44,000	\$2,715
Dues & Fees	\$4,000	\$4,301	\$4,500	\$4,431	\$4,500	\$278
Total Expense:	\$789,996	\$790,842	\$891,173	\$886,481	\$939,321	\$57,954

Revenues:						
Title I, II, IV, and V Funding	\$88,313	\$94,514	\$87,270	\$87,270	\$85,390	\$5,269
Other Grant receipts	\$17,450	\$11,281	\$17,450	\$10,272	\$10,250	\$632
Other/Miscellaneous	\$32,750	\$46,045	\$5,250	\$20,134	\$10,250	\$632
Total Revenues:	\$138,513	\$151,840	\$109,970	\$117,676	\$105,890	\$6,533

FY2016 ASSESSMENT AMOUNT	<u>\$651,483</u>	<u>\$658,987</u>		<u>\$781,203</u>	<u>\$833,431</u>	<u>\$51,421</u>
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**FRANKLIN NORTHWEST SUPERVISORY UNION
SPECIAL EDUCATION BUDGET FY2016**

	FY2014 Budget	FY2014 Actuals	FY2015 Budget	FY2015 Anticipated	FY2016 Budget	Franklin Share
Expenses:						
Special Education Administration	\$175,837	\$174,919	\$180,167	\$176,500	\$181,795	\$7,753
Medicaid Clerk / Clerical Support	\$38,233	\$36,685	\$39,481	\$39,481	\$40,229	\$4,827
School Psychologists	\$179,119	\$179,119	\$184,493	\$184,494	\$190,029	\$22,803
Adapted Curriculum	\$64,490	\$64,487	\$66,422	\$66,422	\$67,418	\$8,090
Occupational Therapy	\$54,140	\$45,678	\$55,761	\$55,761	\$56,597	\$6,792
Insurance & Other Benefits	\$136,680	\$125,265	\$146,233	\$141,368	\$147,987	\$14,791
Payroll Expense	\$43,349	\$39,479	\$44,550	\$44,280	\$45,413	\$4,254
Purchased Professional Services	\$5,500	\$7,848	\$6,000	\$9,750	\$7,500	\$900
Office Expenses	\$1,250	\$750	\$1,500	\$1,550	\$2,250	\$270
Travel / Conference	\$750	\$183	\$750	\$500	\$750	\$90
Supplies & Equipment	\$2,250	\$0	\$2,250	\$2,250	\$2,250	\$270
Dues & Fees	\$1,000	\$640	\$1,150	\$1,148	\$1,150	\$138
Subtotal:	\$702,598	\$675,053	\$728,757	\$723,504	\$743,368	\$70,978
Revenues:						
Medicaid Reimbursement	\$27,540	\$27,118	\$28,357	\$26,500	\$27,193	\$3,263
IDEA-B Grant Reimbursement	\$265,714	\$250,722	\$273,754	\$270,090	\$277,211	\$33,265
Other [Carry Forward from Previous Year]	\$0	-\$5,678	\$0	\$5,650	\$5,000	\$600
Total Revenues:	\$293,254	\$272,162	\$302,111	\$302,240	\$309,404	\$37,128
FY2016 ASSESSMENT AMOUNT	<u>\$409,345</u>		<u>\$426,646</u>		<u>\$433,964</u>	<u>\$33,850</u>
Transfer of Contractual Professional Salaries/Benefits:						
Salaries					\$2,004,376	\$51,570
Benefits					\$698,665	\$24,933
Total Expense:					\$2,703,041	\$76,503

**FRANKLIN NORTHWEST SUPERVISORY UNION
EARLY CHILDHOOD PROGRAM BUDGET FY2016**

	FY2014 Budget	FY2014 Actuals	FY2015 Budget	FY2015 Anticipated	FY2016 Budget	Franklin Share
Expenses:						
ECP Administration	\$40,000	\$39,466	\$40,788	\$40,650	\$41,870	\$4,271
Teachers' Salaries	\$214,204	\$236,130	\$222,266	\$223,881	\$232,234	\$23,688
Support Staff	\$79,164	\$83,352	\$90,204	\$77,375	\$91,722	\$9,356
Speech Pathologist Salary	\$93,560	\$85,278	\$94,646	\$95,105	\$98,909	\$10,088
ECP Secretary Salary	\$25,266	\$21,531	\$26,292	\$26,292	\$27,300	\$2,785
Insurance Benefits	\$119,740	\$98,105	\$140,999	\$122,743	\$154,286	\$15,736
Payroll Expense	\$38,837	\$36,635	\$40,718	\$39,415	\$42,262	\$4,311
Other Benefits	\$5,000	\$1,341	\$6,052	\$6,052	\$6,092	\$621
OT/PT & Psychological Services	\$12,750	\$14,404	\$12,750	\$9,932	\$12,750	\$1,301
Purchased Prof. Services	\$10,650	\$19,161	\$12,300	\$15,324	\$14,550	\$1,484
Repair&Maintenance	\$2,100	\$1,034	\$2,100	\$2,100	\$2,100	\$214
Office Expenses	\$33,655	\$30,432	\$38,655	\$36,993	\$38,905	\$3,968
Student Tuition & Transportation	\$750	\$255	\$750	\$750	\$750	\$77
Travel / Conference	\$7,500	\$15,206	\$7,500	\$7,500	\$7,500	\$765
Supplies & Equipment	\$9,725	\$6,783	\$8,250	\$8,251	\$8,250	\$842
Total Expense:	\$692,901	\$689,113	\$744,270	\$712,363	\$779,480	\$79,507

Revenues:						
Preschool Tuition Receipts	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Grant Funding	\$31,500	\$45,440	\$54,000	\$62,110	\$57,500	\$5,865
Caryover from Prior Year	\$45,000	\$67,399	\$40,000	\$40,128	\$40,000	\$4,080
Total Revenues:	\$76,500	\$112,839	\$94,000	\$102,238	\$97,500	\$9,945

FY2016 ASSESSMENT AMOUNT	<u>\$616,401</u>		<u>\$650,270</u>		<u>\$681,980</u>	<u>\$69,562</u>
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**FRANKLIN NORTHWEST SUMMARY
TREASURER's REPORT
July 1, 2013 - June 30, 2014**

	Beginning Balance	FY2014		Ending Balance
		Receipts	Expenditures	
Title I Grant	-\$33,479	\$933,225	\$845,925	\$53,821
School Improvement - Green Mtn Star Coaching	\$0	\$20,000	\$9,151	\$10,849
Title IIA Grant - Teacher Quality	\$5,697	\$252,546	\$229,191	\$29,052
IDEA-B Grant	-\$9,682	\$699,427	\$569,556	\$120,189
IDEA-B Preschool Grant	\$350	\$7,150	\$15,440	-\$7,940
Early Education Initiative Grant	\$0	\$30,000	\$30,000	\$0
Best Grant	\$2,970	\$18,790	\$14,327	\$7,433
Act 117 Coach	\$0	\$7,500	\$4,051	\$3,449
FNW Crossroads Program	\$42,333	\$182,667	\$194,388	\$30,612
Crossroads non-grant revenues	\$27,935	\$190,881	\$218,219	\$597
Program Fundraising	\$1,587	\$5,498	\$1,752	\$5,333
SWIFT Program	\$0	\$24,433	\$17,307	\$7,126
Tobacco Grant	\$1,912	\$14,791	\$13,365	\$3,338
VT Kids Against Tobacco	\$1,483	\$0	\$0	\$1,483
Standards Board	\$225	\$2,400	\$1,811	\$814
Medicaid Reimbursements (school-based)	\$439,373	\$358,719	\$315,475	\$482,617
Medicaid Reimbursements (FNWSU)	\$28,992	\$39,858	\$31,492	\$37,358
EPSDT Reimbursements	\$100,245	\$41,599	\$49,417	\$92,427
Central Office	\$45,877	\$764,949	\$790,842	\$19,984
Special Education	-\$5,678	\$435,666	\$424,331	\$5,657
Early Childhood Program	\$67,399	\$661,843	\$689,114	\$40,128
Fiduciary/Fiscal Agent Funds:				
Franklin/Grand Isle County ECP Advisory Council	\$173,404	\$541	\$16,177	\$157,768
Franklin/Grand Isle County Bookmobile	-\$19,843	\$124,500	\$96,752	\$7,905
Team FNW Tutoring Program	\$2,811	\$81,587	\$81,587	\$2,811
VEHI Pathpoints Wellness Program	\$13,887	\$3,450	\$4,302	\$13,035
Indian Education Grant	\$1	\$216,730	\$216,730	\$1
Mentoring Program	\$29,741	\$0	\$6,015	\$23,726
Technical Educ Equipment Grant (MVU)	\$0	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$0
SPARK Grant (Sheldon)	\$9	\$0	\$9	\$0
Team Nutrition Grant (Swanton)	-\$1,000	\$1,000	\$0	\$0
Carnegie Grant (MVUHS)	\$2,852	\$0	\$2,852	\$0

A copy of the Independent Audit for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2014, performed by Angolano & Co., may be obtained from the Superintendent of Schools' Office.

FRANKLIN TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT
AGENCY FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2014

	<u>Balance</u> <u>June 30, 2013</u>	<u>Receipts</u>	<u>Disbursements</u>	<u>Balance</u> <u>June 30, 2014</u>
<u>ASSETS</u>				
Cash - Library Fund	\$ 758	\$ 3,281	\$ 2,901	\$ 1,138
Cash - Childrens Fund	43,980	24,354	25,002	43,332
Total Assets	<u>\$ 44,738</u>	<u>\$ 27,635</u>	<u>\$ 27,903</u>	<u>\$ 44,470</u>
 <u>LIABILITIES</u>				
Amount Held for Agency Funds	<u>\$ 44,738</u>	<u>\$ 27,635</u>	<u>\$ 27,903</u>	<u>\$ 44,470</u>

FRANKLIN TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT
COMBINED BALANCE SHEET
ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2014

	<u>June 30, 2013</u>	<u>June 30, 2014</u>
<u>ASSETS</u>		
Cash - General Fund	\$ 21,482	\$ 56,018
Cash - Capital Project Fund	15,833	-
Cash - Enterprise Fund	112	3,203
Cash - Agency Fund	44,738	44,470
Accounts Receivable - Enterprise Fund	1,361	1,769
Retirement of Long-Term Debt	70,000	335,000
Total Assets	<u>\$ 153,526</u>	<u>\$ 440,460</u>
 <u>LIABILITIES/FUND EQUITY</u>		
Accounts Payable - General Fund	\$ 10,291	\$ 13,470
Amount Held for Agency Funds	44,738	44,470
Bond Payable	70,000	335,000
Fund Balances, Reserved (General Fund)	15,833	12,548
Fund Balances, Assigned (General Fund)	-	30,000
Fund Balances, Unreserved	11,191	-
Retained Earnings	1,473	4,972
Total Liabilities/Fund Equity	<u>\$ 153,526</u>	<u>\$ 440,460</u>

A copy of the annual outside audit of the Franklin Town School District's financial statements for fiscal year ending June 30, 2014, performed by Angolano & Co., Shelburne, VT, is available at the Town Clerk's Office and/or the Superintendent of School's Office.

FRANKLIN TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT

TREASURER'S REPORT
July 1, 2013 - June 30, 2014

Beginning Fund Balance-July 1, 2013 \$ 11,191.30

RECEIPTS

State of VT Education Taxes \$ 850,172.06

State of VT All Aid to Education 732,888.94

Interest Income 204.63

All other 167,557.66

Total Receipts \$ 1,750,823.29

TOTAL BEGINNING BAL/RECEIPTS \$ 1,762,014.59

EXPENDITURES

Regular Orders Paid \$ 1,716,708.60

Liabilities as of June 30, 2014 2,758.88

Total Expenditures \$ 1,719,467.48

Ending Fund Balance-June 30, 2014 42,547.11

TOTAL ENDING BAL/EXPENDITURES \$ 1,762,014.59

ROOF RENOVATION PROJECT

July 1, 2013 - June 30, 2014

Beginning Balance-July 1, 2013 \$ 15,833.39

RECEIPTS

Interest Earnings 1.39

TOTAL BEGINNING BAL/RECEIPTS \$ 15,834.78

Transferred to School General Fund \$ 15,834.78

Ending balance -June 30, 2014 \$ -

Roof renovation complete prior to FY14 with no additional activity.
Account closed 8/2/2013 and funds transferred to School General Account

Respectfully submitted,
Lisa A. Larivee, Treasurer

FRANKLIN SCHOOL DISTRICT
2013 - 2014
Salary Schedule & Index

Step	BA/BS	BA/BS+15	BA/BS+30	BA+45	MA	MA+15	MA+30							
1	1.00	\$33,271	1.05	\$34,935	1.10	\$36,598	1.15	\$38,262	1.20	\$39,925	1.25	\$41,589	1.30	\$43,252
2	1.04	\$34,602	1.09	\$36,265	1.14	\$37,929	1.19	\$39,592	1.24	\$41,256	1.29	\$42,920	1.34	\$44,583
3	1.08	\$35,933	1.13	\$37,596	1.18	\$39,260	1.23	\$40,923	1.28	\$42,587	1.33	\$44,250	1.38	\$45,914
4	1.12	\$37,264	1.17	\$38,927	1.22	\$40,591	1.27	\$42,254	1.32	\$43,918	1.37	\$45,581	1.42	\$47,245
5	1.16	\$38,594	1.21	\$40,258	1.26	\$41,921	1.31	\$43,585	1.36	\$45,249	1.41	\$46,912	1.46	\$48,576
6	1.20	\$39,925	1.25	\$41,589	1.30	\$43,252	1.35	\$44,916	1.40	\$46,579	1.45	\$48,243	1.50	\$49,907
7	1.24	\$41,256	1.29	\$42,920	1.34	\$44,583	1.39	\$46,247	1.44	\$47,910	1.49	\$49,574	1.54	\$51,237
8	1.28	\$42,587	1.33	\$44,250	1.38	\$45,914	1.43	\$47,578	1.48	\$49,241	1.53	\$50,905	1.58	\$52,568
9	1.32	\$43,918	1.37	\$45,581	1.42	\$47,245	1.47	\$48,908	1.52	\$50,572	1.57	\$52,235	1.62	\$53,899
10			1.41	\$46,912	1.46	\$48,576	1.51	\$50,239	1.56	\$51,903	1.61	\$53,566	1.66	\$55,230
11			1.45	\$48,243	1.50	\$49,907	1.55	\$51,570	1.60	\$53,234	1.65	\$54,897	1.70	\$56,561
12			1.49	\$49,574	1.54	\$51,237	1.59	\$52,901	1.64	\$54,564	1.69	\$56,228	1.74	\$57,892
13							1.63	\$54,232	1.68	\$55,895	1.73	\$57,559	1.78	\$59,222
14									1.72	\$57,226	1.77	\$58,890	1.82	\$60,553
15														
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Reading the salary schedule

1. Locate the step on the left column (in the example, step 8)
2. Locate the level at the top (in the example, MA+15)
3. The point where the two intersect in the 2013-2014 salary (in the example, \$50,905)

Salary Ranges For Employees Not Subject To The Salary Scale

Administration/Treasurer	to \$85,375
Paraprofessionals/Librarian	to \$25,102
Custodian	to \$53,923
Food Service	to \$18,339

NOTE: Individual salary information is available, by request, at the Franklin Town Clerk's Office.

FRANKLIN TOWN SCHOOL STAFF

FY 14 - July 1, 2013 thru June 30, 2014

Department	Employee	FTE	Level	Step	Licensure	Years of Service at Franklin
Teacher/Guidance/Nurse:						
Kindergarten	Sturgeon, Theresa	50	MA+30	14 off-step	Level II	26
Grade 1	Trainer, Brye	100	MA+15	7	Level II	13
Grade 2	Toof, Carrie	100	MA	5	Level II	8
Grade 3	Bachelder, Ashley	100	MA	3	Level II	6
Grade 4	Shepard, Valerie	100	MA+30	14	Level II	32
Grade 5&6	Birkheimer, Krista	100	MA+30	8	Level II	8
Grade 5&6	Bourbeau, Jessica	100	MA	3	Level II	6
Special Ed.	Babinski, Jessica	100	MA	7	Level II	11
Physical Ed.	Young, Douglas	40	BS	7	Level II	10
Guidance	Leavitt, Katelyn	60	MA	1	Level P	2
Compensatory Ed.	Boucher, Deborah	25	MA+30	9	Level II	16
Music	McConnell, Jennifer	60	BS	5	Level II	9
Nurse .5	Potts, Alita	50			Level II	10
Early Childhood	Dewing, Jennifer	50	BA+15	6	Level II	8
Administration:						
Principal	Hakey, Joyce					
Admin. Assistant	Sartwell, Susan					
Treasurer	Larivee, Lisa A.					
Paraprofessional/Library:						
Librarian	Wilson, Nancy					
Instructional Assistant	Russell, Connie			Fournier, Dawn		
Instructional Assistant	Renaudette, Lana			Jerry, Kennethea		
Spec. Ed. Paraprofessional	Domina, Theresa			Elsa Rood		
Spec. Ed. Paraprofessional	Ashton, Constance					
Math Literacy/Planning Rm	Larivee, Nancy					
Spec. Ed./Autism Behavior	Dandurand, Manon					
Sp.Ed./Technology Para.	Ovitt, Kathy					
Early Ed Assistant	Racine, Alyson					
Custodial:						
Head Custodian	Ballard, Steven					
Part Time Custodian	Colman, Richard					
Food Services:						
Head Cook/Co-Agent	Bushey, Carolyn					
Cook/Co-Agent	Sartwell, Donna					

<i>Number of Classes Taught by HQ Teachers/ Total Classes</i>	<i>Number of Classes Taught by Non-HQ Teachers/ Total Classes</i>	<i>% of Core Academic Classes Taught by HQ Teachers</i>	<i>% of Core Academic Classes Taught by Non HQ Teachers</i>	<i>Number of Emergency Credentialed Teachers/Total Teachers</i>	<i>% of Teachers Teaching with Emergency Credentials</i>
11/11	0/11	100%	0%	0/13	0%

District: Franklin County: Franklin		T078 Franklin Northwest			
				9,459	1.00
<div style="text-align: right; font-size: small; color: red;"> Statutory calculation. See note at bottom of page. Recommended homestead rate from Tax Commissioner. See note at bottom of page. </div>					
Expenditures		FY2013	FY2014	FY2015	FY2016
1.	Budget (local budget, including special programs, full technical center expenditures, and any Act 144 expenditures)	\$1,557,014	\$1,609,782	\$1,683,861	\$1,716,922
2.	plus Sum of separately warned articles passed at town meeting	-	-	\$23,300	\$20,000
3.	minus Act 144 Expenditures, to be excluded from Education Spending (Marchover & West Windsor only)	-	-	-	-
4.	Locally adopted or warned budget	\$1,557,014	\$1,609,782	\$1,707,161	\$1,736,922
5.	plus Obligation to a Regional Technical Center School District if any	-	-	-	-
6.	plus Prior year deficit repayment of deficit	-	-	-	-
7.	Total Budget	\$1,557,014	\$1,609,782	\$1,707,161	\$1,736,922
8.	minus S.U. assessment (included in local budget) - informational data	\$119,859	\$120,287	\$148,470	\$231,338
9.	minus Prior year deficit reduction (included in expenditure budget) - informational data	-	-	-	-
Revenues					
10.	Offsetting revenues (categorical grants, donations, tuitions, surplus, etc., including local Act 144 tax revenues)	\$248,999	\$227,150	\$224,013	\$208,092
11.	plus Capital debt aid for eligible projects pre-existing Act 60	-	-	-	-
12.	minus All Act 144 revenues, including local Act 144 tax revenues (Marchover & West Windsor only)	-	-	-	-
13.	Offsetting revenues	\$248,999	\$227,150	\$224,013	\$208,092
14.	Education Spending	\$1,308,015	\$1,382,632	\$1,483,148	\$1,528,830
15.	Equalized Pupils (Act 100 count is by school district)	132.71	131.22	132.39	134.56
Education Spending per Equalized Pupil		\$9,856.19	\$10,536.75	\$11,202.87	\$11,361.70
17.	minus Less ALL net eligible construction costs (or P&I) per equalized pupil	\$563.18	\$360.52	\$353.77	\$370
18.	minus Less share of SpEd costs in excess of \$50,000 for an individual	-	\$9.89	-	-
19.	minus Less amount of deficit if deficit is SOLELY attributable to tuitions paid to public schools for grades the district does not operate for new students who moved to the district after the budget was passed	-	-	-	-
20.	minus Less SpEd costs if excess is solely attributable to new SpEd spending if district has 20 or fewer equalized pupils	-	-	-	-
21.	minus Estimated costs of new students after census period	-	-	-	-
22.	minus Total tuitions if tuitioning ACT K-12 unless electorate has approved tuitions greater than average announced tuition	NA	-	-	-
23.	minus Less planning costs for merger of small schools	-	-	-	-
24.	minus Teacher retirement assessment for new members of Vermont State Teachers' Retirement System on or after July 1, 2015	NA	NA	NA	-
25.	plus Excess Spending per Equalized Pupil over threshold (if any)	-	-	-	-
26.	Per pupil figure used for calculating District Adjustment	\$9,856	\$10,537	\$11,203	\$11,362
27.	District spending adjustment (minimum of 100%) (\$11,362 / \$9,459)	112.991%	115.143%	120.656%	120.115%
Prorating the local tax rate					
28.	Anticipated district equalized homestead tax rate to be prorated (120.115% x \$1.000)	\$1.0056	\$1.0823	\$1.1824	\$1.2012
29.	Percent of Franklin equalized pupils not in a union school district	51.40%	51.15%	52.40%	55.02%
30.	Portion of district eq homestead rate to be assessed by town (55.02% x \$1.20)	\$0.5169	\$0.5536	\$0.6196	\$0.6609
31.	Common Level of Appraisal (CLA)	90.51%	97.71%	105.44%	104.36%
32.	Portion of actual district homestead rate to be assessed by town (\$0.6609 / 104.36%)	\$0.5711	\$0.5666	\$0.5376	\$0.6333
<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; font-size: x-small;"> If the district belongs to a union school district, this is only a PARTIAL homestead tax rate. The tax rate shown represents the estimated portion of the final homestead tax rate due to spending for students who do not belong to a union school district. The same holds true for the income cap percentage. </div>					
33.	Anticipated income cap percent to be prorated (120.115% x 1.94%)	2.03%	2.07%	2.34%	2.33%
34.	Portion of district income cap percent applied by State (55.02% x 2.33%)	1.04%	1.08%	1.23%	1.28%
35.	Percent of equalized pupils at Missisquoi Valley UHSD	48.60%	48.85%	47.60%	44.96%
36.		-	-	-	-

- Following current statute, the base education amount is calculated to be \$9,459. The Tax Commissioner has recommended base tax rates of \$1.00 and \$1.535. The administration also has stated that tax rates could be lower than the recommendations if statewide education spending is held down.
 - Final figures will be set by the Legislature during the legislative session and approved by the Governor.
 - The base income percentage cap is 1.94%.

Comparative Data for Cost-Effectiveness, FY2016 Report 16 v.S.A. § 165(a)(2)(K)

School: Franklin Elementary School
S.U.: Franklin Northwest S.U.

A list of schools and school districts in each cohort may be found on the DOE website under "School Data and Reports": <http://www.state.vt.us/educ/>

FY2014 School Level Data

Cohort Description: Elementary school, enrollment ≥ 100 but <200
(34 schools in cohort)

Cohort Rank by Enrollment (1 is largest)
18 out of 34

School level data		Grades Offered	Enrollment	Total Teachers	Total Administrators	Stu / Tohr Ratio	Stu / Admin Ratio	Tohr / Admin Ratio
Smaller	Newbury Elementary School	PK - 6	143	14.60	1.00	9.79	143.00	14.60
	Newbrook Joint Contract Elementary School	PK - 6	146	8.40	1.00	17.38	146.00	8.40
	Sharon Elementary School	PK - 6	147	10.10	1.00	14.55	147.00	10.10
	Franklin Elementary School	PK - 6	147	9.75	1.00	15.08	147.00	9.75
Larger	Fletcher Elementary School	PK - 6	149	12.60	0.60	11.83	248.33	21.00
	Brewster Pierce Elementary School	PK - 4	150	9.30	1.00	16.13	150.00	9.30
	Wilcott Elementary School	PK - 6	151	11.00	1.00	13.73	151.00	11.00
Averaged SCHOOL cohort data			147.65	12.63	1.04	11.65	141.77	12.13

School District: Franklin
LEA ID: T078

Special education expenditures vary substantially from district to district and year to year. Therefore, they have been excluded from these figures.

The portion of current expenditures made by supervisory unions on behalf of districts varies greatly. These data include district assessments to SUs, including assessments to SUs made districts more comparable to each other.

FY2013 School District Data

Cohort Description: Elementary school district, FY2013 FTE ≥ 100 but < 200
(32 school districts in cohort)

Grades offered in School District

Student FTE enrolled in school district

Current expenditures per student FTE EXCLUDING special education costs

Cohort Rank by FTE
(1 is largest)
21 out of 32

School district data (local, union, or joint district)

Smaller	Sharon	PK-6	123.96	\$13,386
	Newbury	PK-6	126.84	\$12,758
	Ludlow	PK-6	128.14	\$17,402
	Franklin	PK-6	128.58	\$10,249
	Eden	PK-6	130.48	\$15,299
Larger	Wallingford	PK-6	131.56	\$14,323
	Calais	PK-6	132.61	\$11,793
Averaged SCHOOL DISTRICT cohort data			139.81	\$12,630

Current expenditures are an effort to calculate an amount per FTE spent by a district on students enrolled in that district. This figure excludes tuitions and assessments paid to other providers, construction and equipment costs, debt service, adult education, and community service.

FY2015 School District Data

LEA ID	School District	Grades offered in School District	School district tax rate			Total municipal tax rate, K-12, consisting of prorated member district rates		
			SchDist	SchDist	SchDist	MUN	MUN	MUN
			Equalized Pupils	Education Spending per Equalized Pupil	Equalized Homestead Ed tax rate	Equalized Homestead Ed tax rate	Common Level of Appraisal	Actual Homestead Ed tax rate
Smaller	T219 Wallingford	PK-6	123.26	15,458.38	1.6316	1.5553	105.28%	1.4773
	T136 Newbury	PK-6	123.76	13,348.17	1.4089	1.4522	101.76%	1.4271
	T141 North Bennington ID	PK-6	124.44	15,697.36	1.6568	1.5284	89.72%	3.1209
	T078 Franklin	PK-6	132.39	11,202.87	1.1824	1.2582	105.44%	1.1933
Larger	T099 Huntington	PK-4	132.68	14,154.62	1.4940	1.4705	101.95%	1.4427
	T217 Waitsfield	PK-6	136.50	14,740.52	1.5558	1.5895	107.07%	1.4847
	T212 Underhill Town	K-4	144.37	13,495.43	1.4244	1.4445	102.18%	1.4137

The Legislature has required the Department of Education to provide this information per the following statute:

16 V.S.A. § 165(a)(2) The school, at least annually, reports student performance results to community members in a format selected by the school board. . . . The school report shall include:

(K) data provided by the commissioner which enable a comparison with other schools, or school districts if school level data are not available, for cost-effectiveness. The commissioner shall establish which data are to be included pursuant to this subdivision and, notwithstanding that the other elements of the report are to be presented in a format selected by the school board, shall develop a common format to be used by each school in presenting the data to community members. The commissioner shall provide the most recent data available to each school no later than October 1 of each year. Data to be presented may include student-to-teacher ratio, administrator-to-student ratio, administrator-to-teacher ratio, and cost per pupil.

FRANKLIN SCHOOL DISTRICT
FY2014 Expenditures, FY2015 Estimated Expenditures, and FY2016 Proposed School Budget

Funct/ Objec Description	FY2014 Budget	FY2014 Actuals	FY2015 Budget	FY2015 Estimated	FY2016 Proposed	Budget Change
1100 INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAMS:						
110 Teachers' Salaries	\$417,338	\$427,394	\$442,018	\$442,558	\$455,666	\$13,648
119 Paraprofessionals' Salaries	\$19,094	\$18,546	\$19,700	\$19,700	\$20,154	\$454
120 Substitutes & Tutors' Salaries	\$4,000	\$12,584	\$4,000	\$4,000	\$4,000	\$0
210 Health Insurance	\$92,085	\$90,416	\$97,140	\$83,116	\$90,289	(\$6,851)
210A Cafeteria Plan	\$480	\$428	\$480	\$450	\$480	\$0
210B Dental Insurance	\$7,138	\$7,987	\$7,319	\$6,783	\$6,610	(\$709)
220 Social Security	\$33,693	\$33,429	\$35,627	\$35,669	\$36,706	\$1,079
240 Municipal Retirement	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$606	\$606
250 Workers Compensation	\$3,083	\$2,474	\$2,794	\$2,558	\$2,879	\$85
260 Unemployment Compensation	\$0	\$434	\$0	\$124	\$0	\$0
300 Purchased Services	\$0	\$750	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
430 Repair & Maintenance	\$2,500	\$2,967	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$0
440 Copier Equipment Lease	\$2,725	\$3,292	\$2,725	\$2,722	\$2,725	\$0
565 Tuition	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
610 Supplies	\$8,400	\$8,400	\$8,625	\$8,625	\$8,625	\$0
610 Testing Supplies	\$500	\$148	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$0
610 PE Supplies	\$310	\$310	\$310	\$337	\$310	\$0
640 Books	\$699	\$533	\$900	\$900	\$900	\$0
640 Books - reference/periodicals	\$280	\$306	\$495	\$495	\$400	(\$95)
640 Books - consumable	\$803	\$365	\$468	\$468	\$468	\$0
650 Audiovisuals	\$60	\$259	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
660 Manipulatives	\$382	\$153	\$50	\$50	\$135	\$85
670 Computer Software	\$0	\$75	\$0	\$0	\$255	\$255
730 Equipment	\$460	\$865	\$400	\$400	\$390	(\$10)
Subtotal - Instructional Prog.	\$594,030	\$612,115	\$626,051	\$611,955	\$634,598	\$8,547
1210 SPECIAL EDUCATION:						
110 Teachers' Salaries	\$47,910	\$49,134	\$49,347	\$49,587	\$0	(\$49,347)
115 Paraprofessionals' Salaries	\$140,212	\$139,482	\$140,006	\$131,414	\$139,278	(\$728)
119 Substitutes & Tutors' Salaries	\$5,000	\$3,689	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$0
210 Health Insurance	\$23,916	\$29,989	\$37,732	\$37,732	\$21,344	(\$16,388)

Funct/ Objec Description	FY2014 Budget	FY2014 Actuals	FY2015 Budget	FY2015 Estimated	FY2016 Proposed	Budget Change
1210 SPECIAL EDUCATION:						
210B Dental Insurance	\$1,217	\$1,218	\$1,120	\$1,198	\$0	(\$1,120)
220 Social Security	\$14,774	\$14,074	\$14,868	\$14,229	\$11,037	(\$3,831)
240 Municipal Retirement	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$5,571	\$5,571
250 Workers Compensation	\$1,352	\$1,085	\$1,166	\$1,067	\$866	(\$300)
300 Purchased Prof. Services	\$750	\$0	\$750	\$750	\$1,250	\$500
430 Repair & Maintenance	\$200	\$0	\$200	\$200	\$200	\$0
561 Tuition / Alternative Educational Services	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$41,250	\$0	\$0
580 Travel	\$250	\$0	\$250	\$250	\$0	(\$250)
610 Supplies	\$2,450	\$2,225	\$2,850	\$2,850	\$2,500	(\$350)
670 Computer Software	\$500	\$100	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
730 Equipment	\$400	\$440	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$0
Subtotal - Spec. Education	\$238,931	\$241,436	\$254,289	\$286,527	\$188,046	(\$66,245)

As required by Vermont State law, the professional staff salary and benefit expense has moved to the FNWSU level beginning in 2015-16. Cost related to Special Education professional staff have moved from the Special Education budget to the FNW Special Education Assessment category.

1214 EARLY CHILDHOOD PROGRAM:						
331 Assessment	\$59,975	\$59,975	\$65,027	\$65,027	\$69,562	\$4,535
Subtotal - Early Childhood Prog.	\$59,975	\$59,975	\$65,027	\$65,027	\$69,562	\$4,535
2120 GUIDANCE PROGRAM						
110 Salary, Counselor	\$24,953	\$24,080	\$24,674	\$24,793	\$25,785	\$1,111
210 Health Insurance	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
210 Dental Insurance	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
220 Social Security	\$1,909	\$1,842	\$1,888	\$1,897	\$1,973	\$85
250 Workers Compensation	\$175	\$140	\$154	\$141	\$161	\$7
610 Supplies	\$150	\$147	\$135	\$135	\$135	\$0
730 Equipment	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Subtotal - Guidance	\$27,187	\$26,209	\$26,851	\$26,966	\$28,054	\$1,203

2130 HEALTH SERVICES:						
110 Salary, Nurse	\$22,509	\$22,509	\$23,184	\$23,296	\$24,228	\$1,044
210 Health Insurance	\$6,402	\$3,235	\$3,284	\$3,284	\$3,432	\$148
210 Dental Insurance	\$0	\$261	\$0	\$205	\$191	\$191
220 Social Security	\$1,100	\$1,376	\$1,100	\$1,421	\$1,503	\$403
250 Workers Compensation	\$158	\$126	\$145	\$133	\$151	\$6
300 Purchased Services	\$0	\$279	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
430 Repair & Maintenance	\$150	\$118	\$200	\$200	\$200	\$0
610 Supplies	\$680	\$493	\$680	\$680	\$680	\$0
Subtotal - Health Serv.	\$30,999	\$28,397	\$28,593	\$29,219	\$30,385	\$1,792

Funct/ Objec Description	FY2014 Budget	FY2014 Actuals	FY2015 Budget	FY2015 Estimated	FY2016 Proposed	Budget Change
2150 SPEECH PATH. & AUDIOLOGY:						
300 Purchased Professional Services	\$30,000	\$44,987	\$30,000	\$30,000	\$30,000	\$0
610 Supplies	\$500	\$0	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$0
Subtotal - Speech Pathology	\$30,500	\$44,987	\$30,500	\$30,500	\$30,500	\$0
2213 INSTR. STAFF TRAINING:						
270 Course Reimbursement	\$8,100	\$5,724	\$8,100	\$8,100	\$8,100	\$0
270 Staff Development	\$500	\$0	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$0
Subtotal - Staff Training	\$8,600	\$5,724	\$8,600	\$8,600	\$8,600	\$0
2222 LIBRARY SERVICES:						
110 Salary, Library Aide	\$26,309	\$25,102	\$26,958	\$26,958	\$27,446	\$488
220 Social Security	\$2,013	\$1,920	\$2,062	\$2,062	\$2,100	\$38
250 Workers Compensation	\$184	\$147	\$168	\$154	\$172	\$4
300 Purchased Services	\$600	\$1,020	\$1,200	\$1,200	\$1,200	\$0
430 Repair & Maintenance	\$500	\$70	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$0
610 Supplies	\$250	\$185	\$150	\$150	\$150	\$0
640 Books & Periodicals	\$1,800	\$1,649	\$1,900	\$1,900	\$1,900	\$0
650 Audiovisuals	\$250	\$0	\$250	\$250	\$250	\$0
Subtotal - Library	\$31,906	\$30,093	\$33,188	\$33,174	\$33,718	\$530
2225 SCHOOL-WIDE TECHNOLOGY						
110 Paraprofessional Salary	\$10,696	\$10,014	\$10,996	\$10,996	\$11,220	\$224
220 Social Security	\$818	\$766	\$841	\$841	\$858	\$17
250 Workers Compensation	\$75	\$61	\$69	\$63	\$70	\$1
300 Contracted Services	\$1,500	\$1,388	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$0
430 Repair & Maintenance	\$500	\$0	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$0
530 Telephone	\$600	\$584	\$600	\$600	\$600	\$0
610 Supplies	\$500	\$227	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$0
670 Computer Software	\$200	\$0	\$200	\$200	\$200	\$0
910 Equipment	\$11,000	\$11,333	\$11,000	\$12,193	\$11,000	\$0
Subtotal - School-Wide Technology	\$25,889	\$24,373	\$26,206	\$27,393	\$26,448	\$242

Func/ Objec Description	FY2014 Budget	FY2014 Actuals	FY2015 Budget	FY2015 Estimated	FY2016 Proposed	Budget Change
2310 BOARD OF EDUCATION:						
111 Board Salaries	\$1,600	\$1,600	\$1,600	\$1,600	\$1,600	\$0
220 Salary, Board Secretary	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$0
260 Social Security	\$161	\$161	\$161	\$161	\$161	\$0
330 Audit	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
360 Legal Services	\$1,500	\$835	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$0
540 Advertising/Printing	\$500	\$225	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$0
810 Dues [VSBA]	\$1,050	\$946	\$1,050	\$969	\$1,050	\$0
890 Miscellaneous	\$50	\$0	\$50	\$50	\$50	\$0
Subtotal - Board of Educ.	\$5,361	\$4,267	\$5,361	\$5,280	\$5,361	\$0
2321 OFFICE OF THE SUPT:						
331 S. U. Assessment (Central Office)	\$37,981	\$38,418	\$48,122	\$48,122	\$51,421	\$3,299
Subtotal - Supt's Office	\$37,981	\$38,418	\$48,122	\$48,122	\$51,421	\$3,299
2410 PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE:						
110 Salary, Principal	\$85,075	\$85,375	\$87,936	\$87,936	\$89,920	\$1,984
111 Salary, Secretary	\$27,506	\$27,075	\$28,207	\$29,286	\$29,798	\$1,591
210 Health Insurance / Benefits	\$31,946	\$29,732	\$27,671	\$27,420	\$28,919	\$1,248
210B Dental Insurance	\$790	\$790	\$727	\$778	\$723	(\$4)
220 Social Security	\$8,635	\$8,178	\$8,885	\$8,885	\$9,158	\$273
250 Workers Compensation	\$790	\$634	\$697	\$638	\$688	(\$9)
430 Repair & Maintenance	\$200	\$0	\$200	\$200	\$200	\$0
530 Telephone	\$1,500	\$1,799	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$0
531 Postage	\$750	\$605	\$750	\$750	\$750	\$0
580 Conference/Travel	\$250	\$40	\$250	\$250	\$250	\$0
610 Supplies	\$1,050	\$929	\$1,050	\$873	\$900	(\$150)
730 Equipment	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$177	\$0	\$0
810 Dues & Memberships	\$200	\$294	\$200	\$225	\$200	\$0
Subtotal - Principal's Office	\$158,692	\$155,451	\$158,073	\$158,918	\$163,006	\$4,933
2420 OFFICE OF THE SUPT:						
331 S. U. Assessment (Special Educ.)	\$32,431	\$32,431	\$33,321	\$33,321	\$33,850	\$529
Transfer of SpecEduc Services to SU					\$76,503	\$76,503
Transfer of Speech Services to SU					\$0	\$0
Subtotal - Supt's Office	\$32,431	\$32,431	\$33,321	\$33,321	\$110,353	\$77,032

Func/ Objec Description	FY2014 Budget	FY2014 Actuals	FY2015 Budget	FY2015 Estimated	FY2016 Proposed	Budget Change
2520 FISCAL SERVICES:						
Treasurer/Bookkeeper Salary & Benefits		\$16,929		\$20,496	\$21,545	\$1,049
300 Contracted Services	\$1,100	\$938	\$1,100	\$1,100	\$500	(\$600)
420 Repair & Maintenance	\$150	\$0	\$150	\$150	\$150	\$0
531 Postage	\$250	\$236	\$250	\$250	\$250	\$0
610 Supplies	\$500	\$268	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$0
730 Equipment	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
830 Interest on Current Loan	\$550	\$420	\$550	\$552	\$550	\$0
Subtotal - Fiscal Services	\$19,800	\$18,791	\$23,046	\$23,048	\$23,495	\$449
2540 PLANT OPERATIONS:						
110 Custodians' & Subs' Salaries	\$65,147	\$65,598	\$67,698	\$67,289	\$69,679	\$1,981
210 Insurance / Benefits	\$9,823	\$10,015	\$10,178	\$10,078	\$10,184	\$6
220 Social Security	\$5,595	\$5,709	\$5,790	\$5,759	\$5,941	\$151
250 Workers Compensation	\$5,119	\$4,108	\$4,730	\$4,330	\$4,854	\$124
400 Purchased Property Services	\$3,185	\$4,031	\$3,185	\$4,159	\$3,535	\$350
411 Water & Sewer	\$1,250	\$1,595	\$1,250	\$2,998	\$1,850	\$600
421 Disposal Service	\$2,200	\$2,914	\$2,200	\$2,200	\$2,200	\$0
430 Repair/Maintenance	\$12,200	\$12,401	\$12,200	\$10,450	\$12,200	\$0
430 Sidewalk Project - Special Article	\$0	\$16,275	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
431 Heating & Ventilation	\$5,200	\$5,127	\$5,200	\$5,589	\$5,200	\$0
433 Grounds	\$3,500	\$1,865	\$3,500	\$3,500	\$3,500	\$0
520 Property Insurance	\$5,375	\$4,815	\$5,300	\$4,815	\$5,297	(\$3)
580 Travel / Mileage	\$50	\$0	\$50	\$50	\$50	\$0
610 Supplies	\$15,000	\$13,273	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$0
622 Electricity	\$31,500	\$34,343	\$31,500	\$31,500	\$31,500	\$0
624 Fuel	\$21,000	\$25,857	\$21,000	\$21,000	\$21,000	\$0
624 Gasoline (for snowblower & tractor)	\$350	\$366	\$350	\$350	\$350	\$0
700 Equipment	\$750	\$1,200	\$750	\$750	\$750	\$0
Subtotal - Plant Operation	\$187,244	\$209,492	\$189,881	\$189,817	\$193,090	\$3,209
2550 PUPIL TRANSPORTATION						
513 Contracted Service	\$60,688	\$62,099	\$66,300	\$66,300	\$59,670	(\$6,630)
513 ExtraCurricular Transportation	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$100	\$100
515 Special Education Transportation	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$29,824	\$0	\$0
Subtotal - Pupil Transportation	\$60,688	\$62,099	\$66,300	\$96,124	\$59,770	(\$6,530)

Func/ Objec Description	FY2014 Budget	FY2014 Actuals	FY2015 Budget	FY2015 Anticipated	FY2016 Proposed	Budget Change
2600 FOOD SERVICE						
200 Hot Lunch Program	\$12,260	\$13,096	\$13,616	\$13,616	\$14,229	\$613
300 Food Service Support	\$0	\$1,939	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Subtotal - Food Service	\$12,260	\$15,035	\$13,616	\$13,616	\$14,229	\$613
5101 DEBT SERVICE (Roof Replacement)						
830 Interest	\$7,308	\$7,308	\$6,835	\$6,835	\$6,286	(\$549)
910 Principal	\$40,000	\$40,000	\$40,000	\$40,000	\$40,000	\$0
Subtotal - Debt Service	\$47,308	\$47,308	\$46,835	\$46,835	\$46,286	(\$549)
BUDGET TOTAL	\$1,609,782	\$1,656,601	\$1,683,860	\$1,734,442	\$1,716,922	\$33,062

**FRANKLIN TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT
PROJECTED REVENUES & ESTIMATED TAX RATES**

	FY2015	FY2016
PROPOSED EXPENSES:		
Franklin School District Budget Proposal	\$1,683,860	\$1,716,922
Franklin Special Article(s)	\$23,300	\$20,000
	\$1,707,160	\$1,736,922
PROJECTED REVENUES:		
Interest Earnings	\$1,000	\$1,000
Prior Year Unreserved Fund Balance	\$12,619	\$4,385
Municipal Bond Bank Refinance Savings	\$4,458	\$2,526
FNW Title I Funding	\$19,671	\$19,248
Projected Special Education Aid:		
Mainstream Block Grant	\$45,713	\$48,769
Special Education Expenditure Reimbursement	\$96,878	\$85,494
Extraordinary Expenditure Reimbursement	\$0	\$0
EEE Grant	\$17,781	\$18,216
Care & Custody	\$0	\$0
Transportation Reimbursement	<u>\$25,893</u>	<u>\$28,454</u>
	\$224,013	\$208,092
LOCAL EDUCATION SPENDING	\$1,483,147	\$1,528,830

PROJECTED TAX RATES BEFORE COMMON LEVEL OF APPRAISAL ADJUSTMENT

Equalized Pupils	132.40	134.56
Spending per Equalized Pupil [local ed spending ÷ eq.pupils]	\$11,202	\$11,362
<i>base spending amount</i>	\$9,285	\$9,459
District Spending Adjustment	120.646%	120.115%
<i>Base Homestead Tax Rate</i>	\$0.98	\$1.00
Equalized Tax Rate [base rate x district's spending adj]		
Local School Equalized Tax Rate	\$0.620	\$0.661

PROJECTED TAX RATES AFTER COMMON LEVEL OF APPRAISAL ADJUSTMENT

based on current Common Level of Appraisal [increased to 104.36% of State value, from 105.44% in FY15 & 97.71% in FY14]		
Homestead Tax Rate:		
Projected Homestead Tax Rate - local	\$0.588	\$0.633
Non-Homestead Tax Rate:		
Projected Non-Homestead Tax Rate - local	\$0.753	\$0.809

These figures are based on an *estimated* statewide base education amount of \$9,459 and *estimated* statewide homestead base tax rate of \$1.00 and non-homestead base rate of \$1.535. These statewide figures are set annually by the VT Legislature and are still to be determined.

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MISSISQUOI VALLEY UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT
2015 – 2016 BUDGET

The Missisquoi Valley Union School District Budget proposal for the 2015-2016 school year totals \$15,289,278. This amount represents a 0.39% increase over the current budget approved in September 2014.

The school administration and school board have worked diligently to reduce costs wherever possible, including the reduction of several staff positions. Department budgets have been level funded as much as possible. The budget proposal includes the implementation of busing services to Alburgh and Sheldon in order to attract more tuition students to MVU. The anticipated tuition revenue of an additional three (3) students from each town will cover the cost of the two buses.

MVU continues to improve academic opportunities for students. The use of Data Teams and Data Team Coaches has, without additional cost, made gains in all content areas. In particular, English Language Arts NECAP assessment scores surpass the statewide average.

MVU is a leader in Vermont with student grading practices. Students must master Essential Learning Outcomes (ELO) before completing each course. Failure to do so results in an “Incomplete” instead of a failing grade. Students can’t “just get by” without doing the work. Students are given more time and additional support to achieve expected learning standards.

Our priority this year is to implement an innovative, research-based best practice called Math Studios for all middle and high school teachers and students. Math teachers and administrators acquired new skills in a course last summer that enable teams of educators to observe teachers in action and provide direct improvement feedback.

As mandated by state law, all Special Education professional staff salaries and benefits have been transferred from all local schools to FNWSU. Costs at the SU level are budgeted in the same manner as they are in the local Special Education budget; however instead of appearing in separate budget line items, salaries and benefits are now reflected within the FNWSU assessment. All other Special Education expenses remain at the local level.

The School Board will be holding an informational meeting on Tuesday, February 24, 2015 at 7:00pm at the Missisquoi Valley Union School Library. The budget will be voted by Australian ballot on Town Meeting Day. Polling places and times are: Franklin Central School – open at 10:00am; Highgate Elementary School and Swanton Village Complex, both open at 7:00am. All polls close at 7:00pm.

MVUHS School Board

Denis Boucher, Chair	868-4828	Earl Fournier, V.Chair	868-7494
Robert Irish	285-2288	John Ho	318-1044
Rod Russin	868-4827	Gregg Gervais	868-9120
Lisa Letourneau	868-4391	Vickie Gratton	285-2083
Lisa Wells	868-6659		

MISSISQUOI VALLEY UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT
2015 - 2016 SCHOOL BUDGET PROPOSAL - SUMMARY by CATEGORY

AREA / DEPARTMENT	FY2014 Approved	FY2014 Actuals	FY2015 Approved	FY2016 Proposed	Variance
Regular Programs	\$6,098,795	\$5,870,906	\$6,147,351	\$6,075,183	(\$72,168)
Department Budgets	\$318,554	\$271,863	\$308,041	\$307,991	(\$50)
Interscholastics	\$375,028	\$346,399	\$418,135	\$421,951	\$3,816
CoCurriculars	\$52,569	\$54,530	\$52,569	\$52,569	\$0
Registrar	\$28,063	\$25,963	\$28,809	\$41,844	\$13,035
Guidance Services	\$455,944	\$452,623	\$470,564	\$490,175	\$19,611
Student Assistance Program	\$71,515	\$69,878	\$73,219	\$75,540	\$2,321
Health Services	\$105,103	\$100,579	\$102,262	\$106,178	\$3,916
Psychological Services	\$36,045	\$16,385	\$23,610	\$22,418	(\$1,192)
Educational Support	\$91,603	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Library Services	\$149,627	\$144,645	\$150,310	\$154,162	\$3,852
School-wide Technology	\$246,516	\$249,663	\$351,270	\$356,113	\$4,843
Board of Education	\$35,125	\$42,191	\$38,227	\$38,227	\$0
Principals' Office	\$540,773	\$640,720	\$662,133	\$682,895	\$20,762
Receptionist	\$46,479	\$45,915	\$47,740	\$49,490	\$1,750
Study Hall Monitor	\$24,747	\$28,019	\$25,490	\$0	(\$25,490)
Student Management	\$321,337	\$315,392	\$328,464	\$292,983	(\$35,481)
Fiscal Services	\$124,011	\$122,411	\$130,742	\$133,920	\$3,178
Plant Operation & Maintenance	\$1,260,115	\$1,216,988	\$1,345,079	\$1,420,410	\$75,331
Safety & Security	\$12,147	\$5,218	\$12,478	\$12,478	\$0
Transportation Services	\$813,073	\$700,739	\$734,697	\$789,248	\$54,551
Debt Service	\$151,507	\$151,507	\$143,985	\$136,412	(\$7,573)
Wood Chip Boiler	\$22,500	\$9,854	\$1,750	\$0	(\$1,750)
Special Education Programs	\$3,004,221	\$2,451,829	\$2,875,192	\$1,854,304	(\$1,020,888)
Special Educ Operations Manager	\$74,142	\$72,140	\$76,011	\$78,341	\$2,330
Psychological Services (special educ)	\$108,136	\$49,154	\$70,830	\$22,500	(\$48,330)
Speech Services (special education)	\$124,141	\$114,623	\$128,177	\$7,500	(\$120,677)
FNWSU	\$425,676	\$428,180	\$483,015	\$1,666,446	\$1,183,431
BUDGET TOTAL	\$15,117,492	\$13,998,314	\$15,230,150	\$15,289,278	\$59,128

Increase:

0.39%

NOTES OF INTEREST

TOWN CLERK’S OFFICE HOURS

Monday, Tuesday & Friday.....8:30 am - 3:30 pm
Wednesday.....8:30 am - Noon
Thursday.....8:30 am - 6:00 pm

The office is open during the lunch hour. As always, if necessary, the clerk is available by appointment. Please call 285-2101 to schedule an appointment.

HASTON LIBRARY HOURS

Monday.....10:00 am - 2:00 pm
Tuesday.....2:00 pm - 7:00 pm
Wednesday.....CLOSED
Thursday.....9:00 am - 6:00 pm
Friday.....2:00 pm - 6:00 pm
Saturday.....9:00 am - 1:00 pm

Trustee Meeting 1st Thursday of each month at 6:00 pm

Visit our website: hastonlibrary.wordpress.com

Email: librarian@hastonlibraryvt.org

SELECTBOARD MEETING

Second Wednesday of each month at 7:00 pm at the Franklin Town Office.
Contact the Town Clerk at 285-2101 if you wish to be on the agenda.

LOCAL SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

Monthly at the Franklin Elementary School.
Contact the Principal, Joyce Hakey at 285-2100 if you wish to be on the agenda.

MVUHS DIRECTOR’S MEETING

First and third Thursday of each month at 7:00 pm at MVUHS.

DOG LICENSES

Due by April 1, 2015

Any dog six months of age and over must be licensed at the Town Clerk’s Office and must show proof of current rabies vaccination at that time.

The Town of Franklin has a contract with the Franklin County Humane Society to board stray dogs. This contract **does not** include kittens or cats.

PROPERTY TAXES

Proposed property tax due date; as warned – October 15, 2015 by 6:00 p.m.

NOTICE: Current policy states – All tax payments must be received by close of business at 6:00 on the due date or they will be considered delinquent. Postmarked envelopes received after the due date will be considered delinquent and assessed an 8% fee plus interest.

BUILDING PERMITS & SEPTIC DESIGN

Building applications and permits are necessary if you are doing construction of more than fifty square feet **or if you are changing the use.** Forms are available at the Town Clerk's Office or the Town's website. Permits for septic systems and potable water systems are obtained through the Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation. For more information contact the District Office in Essex Junction at 1-802-879-5656 or log on to www.anr.state.vt.us/dec.

PERMISSION TO BURN (REQUIRED)

Contact Burt Maynard, Town Fire Warden at 285-2220 for a permit.

GREEN MOUNTAIN PASSPORTS

Available for all residents over 62 (\$2.00 lifetime fee) - Forms at Town Clerk's Office.
Gives free day-use entry to all State Parks and most State sponsored events.

OFFICIAL NOTICES

Posted on the Town Website and
Published in County Courier or St. Albans Messenger

MISCELLANEOUS FOR THE TOWN OF FRANKLIN AND THE HASTON LIBRARY

Website – www.franklinvermont.com

Email: townoff@franklinvt.net

Email: librarian@hastonlibraryvt.org

FRANKLIN HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Franklin Historical Society has "A History of Franklin" book available for sale for \$20. Please contact the Town Clerk or Haston Library to purchase your copy. The Historical Society is working to expand hours and visibility at the log cabin location on Hanna Road. They are also looking for volunteers; if you are interested please contact Bryant Reynolds at 802-285-6774.

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

Franklin Fire Department-Emergency.....	911
Franklin Rescue Service-Emergency.....	911
Franklin Fire and Rescue- Non-Emergency	285-2050
Vermont State Police.....	524-5993
Franklin County Sheriff's Department.....	524-2121
Northwestern Medical Center.....	524-5911
Poison Control Center.....	658-3456
Vermont Game Warden.....	524-5993
U.S. Border Patrol.....	868-3229

TOWN OFFICES

Town Clerk & Treasurer.....	285-2101
Haston Library.....	285-6505
Selectboard Chair, Peter Magnant.....	285-2101
School Board Chair, Tim Magnant.....	285-2092
Zoning Administrator, Robert Irish.....	285-2288
Health Officer, Polly Gadbois.....	933-2022
Animal Control Officer, Dennis Demar.....	285-6556
Town Garage.....	285-2180
Road Commissioner, Andrew Godin.....	285-6335

SCHOOLS

Franklin Elementary School.....	285-2100
Missisquoi Valley Union (MVU) HS.....	868-7311
Northwest Supervisory Union.....	868-4967

FRANKLIN DISTRICT 5 REPRESENTATIVES

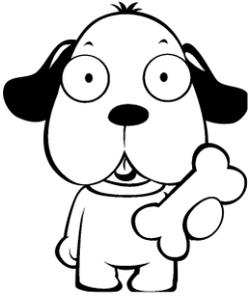
Albert Pearce.....	848-7813
Steve Beyor.....	868-3456
Representatives Number in Montpelier.....	800-322-5616

FRANKLIN DISTRICT SENATORS

Norm McAllister.....	285-6363
Dustin Degree.....	782-4507

LAKE CARMİ CAMPERS' ASSOCIATION

Peter Benevento, President.....	285-6744
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IMPORTANT DATES 2015



- ❑ March 3, 2015- *Town Meeting*- Beginning at 10:00 a.m. in the Franklin School Gym *Polls open at 10:00 a.m. for MVU *
- ❑ April 1, 2015- *Dog Licenses*- Dogs are due to be registered by this date; proof of rabies and spayed/neutered certificates need to be provided for new dogs 6 months of age and older at the time of registration.
****\$12 spayed/neutered & \$16 full dog****
- ❑ May & September 2015- *Metal Dumpster* is at the Town Garage for use by all Franklin residents
- ❑ October 15, 2015- *Property Taxes* are **due** by 6:00 p.m.

The Franklin Selectboard holds its monthly meetings on the second Wednesday of every month at 7:00 p.m. in the Town Clerk's Office

The Franklin Planning Commission holds its monthly meetings on the third Tuesday of every month at 7:00 p.m. in the Franklin Homestead Dining Room

For questions on any of the above events, please call the Town Clerk's Office at (802)285-2101 or email the office, townoff@franklinvt.net